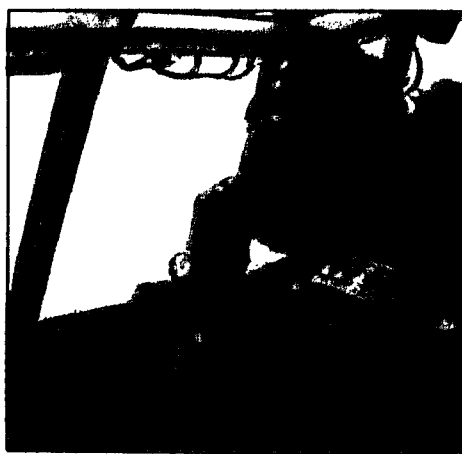


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Echo staff writer Bennie Shallbetter goes inside Lili with the Hurricane Hunters.

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Hope Haven Yard Sale rescheduled for 10/12

Hope Haven's annual yard sale, originally scheduled for Saturday, will take place Oct. 12, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the law office of Elise Epperson & Assoc., 841 Hwy. 90, Bay St. Louis. Drop donations there or call 466-9597.

Hancock school board meeting is Tuesday

The Hancock County Board of Education's regular monthly meeting has been rescheduled to this Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. The meeting had been postponed from last week due to Hurricane Lili.

Coast Chorale to perform at Trinity

The Martha Guild of Trinity Episcopal Church invites the community to a presentation by the Coast Chorale this Thursday, Oct. 10, at the church, on Church St. and Second in Pass Christian.

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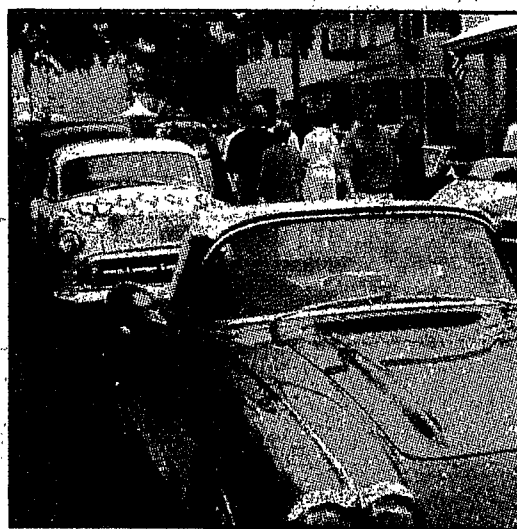
BY SHANNON JENKINS
Staff Writer

Classic automobiles from over 35 states and Canada will once again dominate the Gulf Coast streets during the Seventh Annual Cruisin' the Coast, running today through next Sunday.

This annual event, which showcases a variety of antique, classic and hot rod automobiles, includes designated stops in Bay St. Louis, Biloxi, D'Iberville, Gulfport, Long Beach, and Ocean Springs.

Last year's event drew 4,026 regis-

CRUISIN'--PAGE 6A



Echo file photo: Classic cars cruise Main St. in Bay St. Louis for last year's Cruisin' the Coast.

Lili Hammers the Coast



A man canoes across Central Ave. off Hwy. 603 at Shoreline Park Thursday after the major flooding caused by Hurricane Lili. Shoreline Park received some of the heaviest damage in the county during the storm.

Echo staff photos by Juan Alejandro

Some areas see worse flooding than during Isidore

BY SHANNON JENKINS
Staff Writer

Hancock County Civil Defense Director Lynette Carbon estimated approximately 200 houses were flooded in the county during Hurricane Lili.

"The worst hit areas included east and west Shoreline Park, Garden Isle, Bayou Phillips, Herron Bay and Pearlinton," she said.

Carbon said the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) would arrive next week



D.J. Mitchell, an employee of Hancock County Water and Sewer District, attempts to repair a broken sewage line valve Thursday after someone hitched a boat to it.

to assess the destruction brought on by Lili.

The Hancock County Emergency Operations Center reported the following streets to be flooded during Lili: North

Beach Boulevard from Dunbar, Pogo and North Beach Boulevard, Felicita, Joe's Bayou, Bally, Forrest, Bordage to First,

LILI--PAGE 12A

Pesticide the apparent culprit in courthouse health scare

Contaminated soil to be removed quickly

BY GEOFF BELCHER
News Editor

A common pesticide has been determined to be the cause of some health problems that afflicted some GM&R Construction employees working on the Hancock County Courthouse renovation project, an Occupational Safety and Health Administration official said Friday.

"We had some plumbers become

ill who were doing some work under the courthouse," Clyde Payne, area director for OSHA's Jackson office said.

GM&R reported the incident in a letter to OSHA dated Sept. 19, saying that "employees are having problems from inhaling an unknown contaminant while working under the courthouse."

That portion of the renovation project was halted while the source of the problem was investigated.

COURTHOUSE--PAGE 6A

Saturday's parade for the St. Rose de Lima Fair brought out some local color. The fair wraps up at 11 p.m. today with the drawing of the \$1,500 raffle. Tonight at 8, all of the objects donated to the silent auction booth will be sold, including a football jersey signed by Peyton Manning, a shirt signed by Archie Manning and his three sons, a book autographed by Stephen Ambrose and a Bose home theatre system.



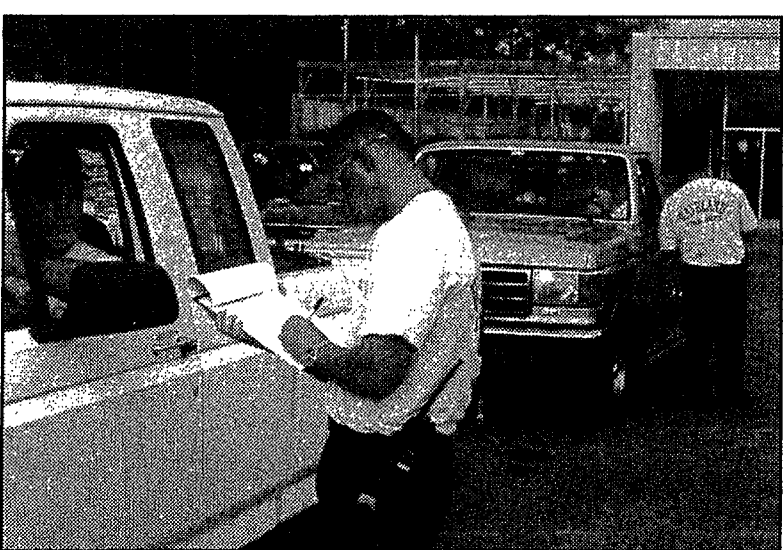
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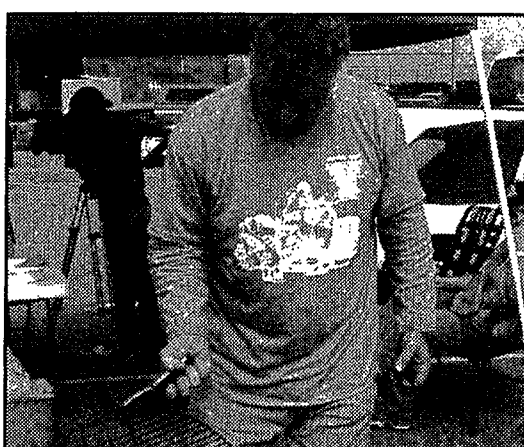
Department of Environmental Quality personnel led by David Peacock were very busy assorting various household wastes which included paints, sprays, etc. Saturday morning. Some 150 residents had deposited items by 10 a.m. according to JoAnn Casey coordinator of the special waste collection.



More refuse is loaded at the Hancock County Household Hazardous Materials Waste collection held Saturday. Several departments were represented along with volunteers which included Hancock County Board of Supervisor Lisa Cowan. All types of appliances were accepted at the special collection in addition to other waste materials.



Waveland Fire Fighters Casey Piazza, left, receives information on type of Household Hazardous materials/Waste resident has, as Bobby Giveans checks vehicle behind on Saturday morning at the special collection in the Kmart Parking Lot on Saturday. Firefighter Donald Peters was also assisting with a string of vehicles carrying all types of materials in the collection made possible by a 75/25 grant from the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality and put on in conjunction with the Hancock County Solid Waste Authority with assistance from the Gulf Regional Planning Commission.



Chris Lagarde of U.S. Congressman Gene Taylor's office was busy preparing barbequed chicken to make sandwiches for the many workers at the Hancock County Household Materials/Waste Collection Saturday morning.

Shifalo reunion planned Oct. 13

A family reunion for descendants of Antonio C h i f a l o (Shifalo)/Margaret Hughes and "W.W." Selph/Jane Judson Robertson will be held at the Park Ten Lanes' Conference Room, 4390 Park Ten Drive Diamondhead on Sunday, Oct. 13 from 11 a.m. until. Lanes will be reserved for bowling from 1 to 3 p.m. Contact Margaret Armstrong-English at (228) 255-4488, 9736 Kino Place, Diamondhead, MS 39525, e-mail: shifalofamily@aol.com.

Scenes from Saturday's Hazardous Waste Cleanup Day

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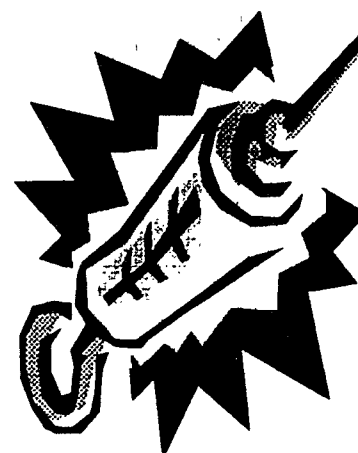
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Arrest Record

Editor's note: The following is a complete list of arrests logged at the Hancock county Justice Facility from Sept. 27 to Oct. 4. Appearance on the jail log is not indicative of guilt, merely a record that an arrest has been made.

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- Belinda K. Duke, 47, simple assault by threat times two
- Joseph D. Miller, 28, two counts auto burglary
- Oscar C. Craft, 51, felony DUI
- Ronald Bruce Lee, 44, DUI (1st)
- Clifford A. Walsh, 26, contempt of court
- Glenda Redler, 45, DUI (1st), speeding, failure to yield to blue lights
- Kirk Robichaux, 43, public drunk
- Dung Van Vo, 27, driving with driver's license suspended, possession of paraphernalia, no proof of insurance
- Billy E. Coley, 43, simple assault (domestic)
- Robert E. Arnold, 42, one headlight, speeding, driving with driver's license suspended, expired tag, no

proof of insurance, DUI, refused test

- Tanya Lambeth, 36, disturbance of a family (domestic)
- Jason Dardar, 24, hold for Pearl River
- George A. Nephew, 22, false information to police officer, suspended driver's license, contempt of court, simple assault (domestic)
- Glen Summers, 33, simple assault (domestic)
- Carlina Latrea Vaughn, 28, simple assault (domestic)
- Stephen Ray Pullens, 39, suspended driver's license
- Terrell Moran, 42, contempt of court
- Wade L. Davis Jr., 48, DUI, speeding
- Patrick Lee Kane, 24, contempt of court
- Billy Wayne Lampton, 35, DUI (2nd), suspended driver's license, switched tag, four counts contributing to a minor, no insurance
- Jonathan J. Page, 18, public drunk, contributing to a minor
- Richard W. Lampton, 19, public drunk, disorderly conduct times two, contributing to a minor

- Richard Farrell, 25, petit larceny
- Torey L. Thomas, 23, simple assault
- Dante Miguel Smith, 27, simple assault
- Scarlett Tomaso, 22, simple assault (domestic)
- Benjamin Tomaso, 24, simple assault (domestic)
- Eileen A. Fagan, 45, public drunk
- Elmer Arthur Nichols III, 31, simple assault (domestic)
- Carter L. Gehman, 27, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest
- Eugene Lacour, 39, contempt of court (failure to appear, failure to pay), burglary
- Kevin Roberts, 32, contempt of court
- Joshua Johnson, 22, contempt of court, suspended driver's license, no insurance, following too closely
- Brian J. Downey, 36, suspended driver's license, contempt of court
- Kenneth Carver II, 24, contempt of court
- Glenn E. Carson Jr., 37, contempt of court, DUI (2nd)
- Jason L. Hupp, 27, contempt of court, suspended driver's license
- Jefferson Reynolds, 37, sale of controlled substance times two
- Joseph R. Peniciro Jr.,

- 33, simple assault (domestic)
- Jay Alex Kelley, 32, burglary
- Jeremy P. Diamond, 23, careless driving, suspended driver's license, DUI (3rd)
- Carl Neal Riley, 24, disorderly conduct
- Brian J. Herrington, 22, possession of controlled substance
- Donner Vaughn, 23, possession of controlled substance
- Daniel Timothy Rood, 39, simple assault (domestic)
- Daven E. Wyatt, 37, public drunk
- Nora V. LeBlanc, 49, hold for Live Oaks Treatment Center
- Mary Blount, 52, hold for Live Oaks Treatment Center
- Ronald W. Stiglett Sr., 46, public drunk
- Wayne Arlington Cornell, 34, giving alcohol to a minor times two
- Myron Jack Davenport, 19, contributing to a minor, disorderly conduct, trespassing
- Christopher Ryan Cotton, 18, public drunk
- Barry John Shultis, 45, public drunk
- Susan S. Summers, 37, DUI (2nd), refused test, driving with suspended driver's license

Storm-related public health advisories

Mississippi State Health Department officials encourage Mississippians to heed health advisories during hurricane season to ensure personal health and safety.

The Health Department's mission is "to promote and protect the health of the citizens of Mississippi" through population-based programs and services.

The agency's preparation, prevention and recovery efforts during hurricanes and other natural disasters are vital in preserving the health of the state's citizens.

Public health officials may issue health advisories or recommendations particular to local conditions. Anyone can contact their local county health department or the State Department of Health at 1-800-489-7670.

For more information, the public can log onto the public health agency's website at www.msdh.state.ms.us.

Mosquitoes

Mississippi has had mosquito-borne encephalitis cases - such as West Nile virus - which occur in late summer and early fall, concurrent with hurricane season.

Although mosquito-borne diseases are usually uncommon, everyone should protect themselves from mosquitoes. Health officials encourage the public to wear clothes with long sleeves and long pants and to use insect repellents that contain DEET.

If using DEET, one should read the instructions before using the mosquito repellent product.

Products containing DEET are available from stores and through local and state health departments. To control mosquito populations, the public can drain all standing water left in open containers outside the home.

Boil Water Notices

The Health Department reminds everyone when their water system loses pressure, the drinking water might be contaminated.

After a disaster resulting in the loss of water pressure on a system, the public should suspect that the drinking water is not safe.

Boil water intended for consumption for one minute or use bottled water until notified by the water system officials or the Health Department that your water has been tested or is safe to drink.

Another way to purify drinking water is by adding eight drops of household bleach to one gallon of water. The public should continue purifying drinking water until they have been notified by their water supplier that the water has been tested and is safe to drink.

Residents served by private water wells should take special precautions to ensure that their drinking water is safe. Sufficient drinking water should be stored in advance of an anticipated loss of power.

Should a well lose pressure due to loss of power or become submerged, one must assume the water is contaminated. When power is restored, boil or treat the water with chlorine prior to drinking or washing dishes until the water has been tested and proven safe.

Floodwater Health Risks

When a hurricane or tropical storm makes landfall on the Gulf Coast, flooding usually occurs. Floodwaters may contain fecal material from overflowing sewage systems and agricultural and industrial waste.

Although skin contact with floodwater does not, by itself, pose a serious health risk, there is risk of disease from eating or drinking anything contaminated with floodwater.

If anyone has open cuts or sores that will be exposed to floodwater, they must keep them as clean as possible by washing them with soap and applying an antibiotic ointment to discourage infection.

If a wound develops red-

ness, swelling, or drainage, seek immediate medical attention.

Parents should not allow children to play in floodwater areas or use local beach waters or bayous for recreational purposes until they have been declared safe by authorities.

Children's hands should be washed frequently; children should refrain from playing with floodwater-contaminated toys that have not been disinfected.

Mold

Mold can become a problem in a home through sources of indoor moisture such as flooding, backed-up sewers, leaky roofs, and damp basement or crawl spaces.

For mold to grow, it needs a source of moisture and a place to grow. Molds are simple, microscopic organisms found virtually everywhere indoors and outdoors, and when present in large quantities can cause allergic symptoms similar to those caused by plant pollen.

Health officials say it is common to find mold spores in the air of homes and growing on damp surfaces. Mold spores primarily cause health problems when they enter the air and are inhaled in large number.

Allergic reactions may be the most common health problem of mold exposure. Typical symptoms include respiratory problems, nasal and sinus congestion, eyes burning, sore throat, and skin irritation.

Allergic persons vary in their sensitivities to mold, both as to amount and type need to cause reactions. People with special concerns about mold should consult a physician if they are having health problems.

One can detect mold in the home if an earthy or musty odor exists and if there is visible water damage. Anyone can look for discoloration and leaching from plaster.

The simplest approach health officials offer: if anyone sees or smells mold, they have a problem. Unless

the source of moisture is removed and the contaminated area is cleaned and disinfected, mold growth is likely to reoccur.

The Mississippi State Department of Health does not recommend testing as the first step to determine if someone has a mold problem.

Reliable sampling for mold can be expensive and requires equipment not available to the general public.

Residents of individual private homes must pay a contractor to carry out such sampling, as it is not usually done by public health agencies.

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Historic properties are rare in Waveland, Mississippi. Hurricanes, fires, and floods have taken many of the built legacies from the past. The Waveland Elementary School was built circa 1929 and used as a school until the 1970's. Decorative masonry arches and detailing adorn the exterior, with plaster and wooden beaded board wainscoting at the interior, along with a jewel-like tin ceiling at the auditorium.

Construction is expected to be complete in March 2003.

The State of Mississippi is funding this phase of the renovation. The design team of professionals includes Allison Anderson, Architect; Eric Ladner, Mechanical Engineer; and Larry Tucker, Electrical Engineer. The contractor is Howett Construction of Ocean Springs.

Women's club meets Thursday

Members of The Hancock Women's Club will meet at the Court Street Station on Thursday, October 10, 10:30 a.m. Ladies are reminded to bring donations toward the "Parade of Prizes" to be held in November. Guests are welcomed.

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Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas
Publisher Emeritus

This is the first time I can recall us having two storms to worry about in a seven-day period.

Isidore, which was a tropical depression when it struck, arrived on the night of Wednesday, Sept. 25, and Hurricane Lili arrived on the night of Wednesday October 3 on the Louisiana coast putting our area in a tropical storm position.

For sure, we were very lucky in both instances, as things could have been worse, yet, there were more than 3,000 residences in the county with surface water in them for Isidore and probably close to that number for Lili.

Fast action by President Bush in Washington enabled our county to be declared a disaster area through the prompt action of Governor Musgrove and our local elected officials.

Cleanup from Isidore was even completed before Lili arrived, as the Hancock County Board of Supervisors awarded contracts on Wednesday morning of this week to several contractors.

For sure, there was no time wasted by our Board of Supervisors in addressing the issue, and all five need to be commended for their efforts in addressing the serious issues they faced from Isidore.

I have received several telephone calls and have been told by several others how they appreciated the supervisors' quick actions. One person from the Lazy River Estates area said the supervisors did a tremendous job in a very short period of time.

There seems to have been a lot of working together in preparations for the two storms, the Civil Defense volunteers, Red Cross, Board of Supervisors, Bay

St. Louis and Waveland's elected officials, Hancock Medical Center, Hancock County Sheriff's Department, Bay St. Louis and Waveland Police Departments, National Guard, Industries, State Troopers, Fire Departments, and on and on we can go. They all came together, which is what it takes during an emergency such as a storm.

Let us not forget the Salvation Army which has really made difference for many folks by serving meals since the storms.

Those of us who weathered Hurricane Camille, remember how things were not too well organized following the storm. Of course, it was one of the worst ever in modern history to visit our county.

Preparations are very important. Although Isidore and Lili were very weak storms, evacuations are really a must for folks in flood-prone areas.

Today marks the final day for the celebration of the 76th St. Rose de Lima Catholic Church Fair at the church grounds at 301 S. Nacaise Avenue, Bay St. Louis.

Today's activities are from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Yesterday's celebration included a parade in which Miss Celestine Labat was grand marshal.

Known as 'Miss Teenie' by most folks and 'Aunt Teenie' by relatives, she was born November 15, 1898 and, yes, she is just shy age 104.

This is the first year for a parade to be part of St. Rose's annual Church Fair.

Miss Teenie only lives a couple of blocks from St. Rose, which was dedicated in 1926, and the Labat family of Bay St. Louis has been a great part of the church's history.

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Friends and foes: Who's who in the Senate

For years in Washington there was a saying: "politics stops at the water's edge." Of course, that means that when it comes to foreign policy and potential armed conflicts, Congress and the President must put aside partisan political posturing to present a united front to our friends and our foes.

We seem to have lost that ability in Washington, and in a nation threatened by terrorists and tyrants who have the most powerful weapons in history, we must regain this sense of priority.

This week, the Senate — which is supposed to be a place of tempered, statesmanlike debate — again showed how we are failing to restrain politics at the water's edge. A Senator openly accused President Bush of actually using the specter of war with Saddam Hussein to gain political ground.

From the Senate

By U.S. Sen.
Trent Lott

Folks, I know President Bush, and I know Vice-President Cheney. Both are men of faith, dignity and an absolute unwavering devotion to our country's best interest. They are committed to

protecting all Americans, and they would never consider using our military men and women as political pawns.

Sure, we may have disagreements over how to implement various policies. That is what America is all about. Debate is vital to democracy.

However, when it comes to deciding how to face sworn enemies like Usama bin Laden (UBL) and Saddam Hussein, there should be no deviation. UBL and Saddam are the bad guys, not President Bush.

Likewise in the wake of 3,000 innocents killed at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and in Shanksville, the need for an

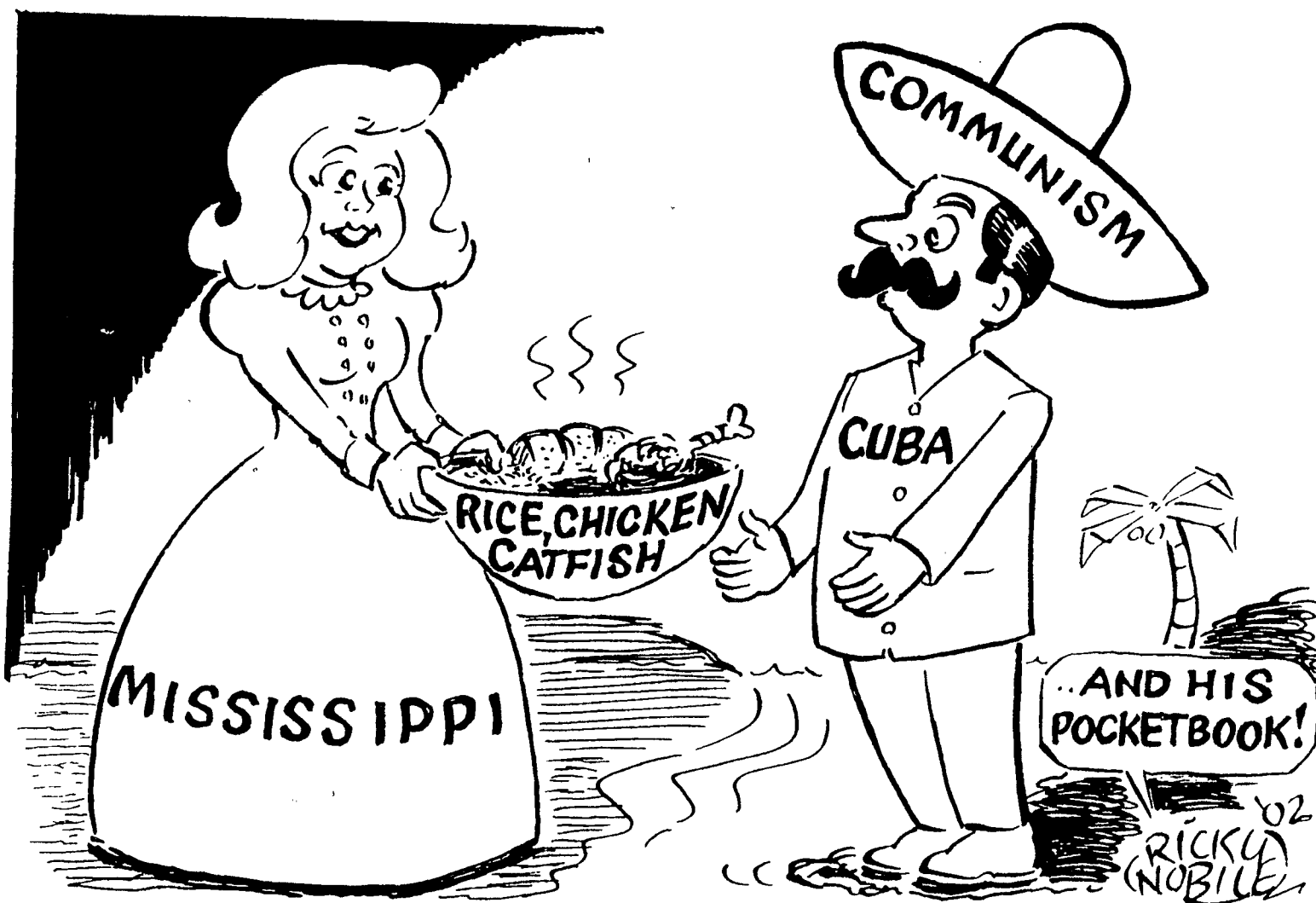
enhanced homeland security system is crystal clear to most Americans, save a few U.S. Senators.

President Bush did indeed say that if the Senate fails to pass a Homeland Security Bill, then in effect some Senators will have put special interest ahead of America's security. Does anyone doubt that we need a Homeland Security Bill, and that without one we remain vulnerable?

A year has passed since the gruesome terrorist attacks of 9/11, yet even though the House has acted decisively by passing a good Homeland Security Bill, the Senate has yet to move on

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THE WAY TO A MAN'S HEART IS THROUGH HIS STOMACH...



In praise of our defenders

To the Editor:
I hate property damage, and I don't like people being hurt or losing their possessions. I love severe weather. The two don't go hand in hand very often.

I am impressed by the strength of Mother Nature, the winds and waves and flying spray and the smell of salt in the air. I love to watch the sea birds skim the waves on forty-knot gusts. I am dismayed to see pieces of piers and lives strewn in yards.

On Wednesday night I hit I-10 at 6:30 p.m. It was a river of vehicles from west to east. As I drove the short distance from 603 to the Diamondhead exit, I noticed a line of large vehicles with their lights on traveling in the opposite direction.

Orange and white, trucks and vans and cars ... thirty or forty public utility vehicles were rolling towards Louisiana, rolling into the storm everyone else was fleeing from.

As they rolled along toward unknown danger, I was struck how they were like a military force ... responding to a threat and willingly putting their own lives in harm's way to serve others.

I spent 28 years in the Navy, and I am not easily impressed or "moved" by

such displays. But that line of vehicles made me feel safer and somehow made me feel proud.

I tentatively honked my horn at the passing line. The car in back of me started honking, and by the time I reached my exit, the stream of cars heading east were all honking and waving and flashing their lights at the "formation" heading west.

They were our knights in shining armor heading out to battle with the great weather dragon ... and we cheered them.

I would be amiss if I did not mention the truly wonderful job our local public service workers did during the last two weather cycles. In Diamondhead, the men and women braved high winds, surging waters, water moccasins and the most dangerous animal of all ... the retired with nothing else to do but get in the way and complain POA dues payer.

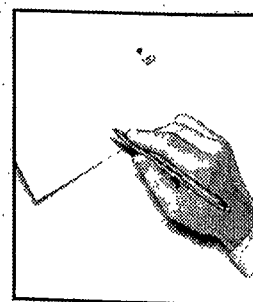
In Bay St. Louis, I was impressed by how quickly the remains of the storms were picked up. I swear, I saw Jimmy Loiacano with a long-handled crab net catching the "stuff" as it blew ashore!

In Waveland, they had a much larger job ... but how civil the workers and

Letters to the Editor

Our letters policy

The Sea Coast Echo welcomes comments from its readers. Letters must be signed and include address or telephone number. Letters should be brief, preferably typewritten and double-spaced. Only one letter per writer per month. The editor reserves the right to edit or reject letters. Letters of thanks, expressions of appreciation and political endorsements are inappropriate.



authorities remained in spite of all the "looky loos."

I did not witness nor did I hear of any local merchant or business jacking up prices or taking advantage of the situation.

My heartfelt sympathy to

those who were flooded and to those who lost their possessions, and my heartfelt appreciation to those who serve.

Terry Latham
Diamondhead

Technicalities

BY STATE AUDITOR PHIL BRYANT

Q Does the new law that authorizes adults to attend an "adult traffic safety course" require the collection of a fee to be sent to the state?

A Yes. Senate Bill 2942, effective October 1, 2002 revised Section 63-9-11 to allow adult defendants charged with routine traffic

offenses to attend a court-approved course (once each three years) in lieu of conviction. This law requires all usual costs, fine and fees be charged in addition to a ten dollar fee to be sent to the state along with other state assessments. A new settlement code (probably "ADT") will be prescribed by the Department of Finance and Administration.

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Lott -- friends and foes

this vital issue.

This bill will consolidate and crystalize various parts of existing government agencies - all of which have a stake in the defense of our homeland - into one streamlined and unified department.

However, the sticking points in this issue are twofold: purse strings and personnel. Some Senators do not want this President or any future President to have the authority to swiftly hire and fire personnel in the new department, nor do they want any President to have authority over its budget.

However, I think most Americans understand that in times of crisis, our Commander and Chief must have a certain amount of autonomy to respond to a

crisis - as the crisis requires.

Yet, a year after 9/11, we're still arguing about items that mean little to folks outside the Washington bureaucracy.

The question of Iraq, is a separate issue from the debate about a Homeland Security Bill.

However both are related in the fact that few doubt Saddam will be more than happy to provide terrorists like UBL with chemical, biological or nuclear weapons if given a chance. The

President has sought the participation of Congress on this issue. Likewise, he is seeking the participation of the United Nations, and he has very forcefully and skillfully challenged the UN to live up to its own decade-old, unenforced resolutions

which call on Iraq to disarm.

However, instead of thoughtful debate about this alarming threat from two international murderers and avowed foes of America, the only person's intentions questioned on the Senate floor this week is not UBL or Saddam, but President Bush!

In his inaugural address during the height of the Cold War, President John F. Kennedy sent a forceful

message to America's friends and to its foes alike. He said that America would bear any burden and oppose any foe to ensure freedom at home and abroad.

It was not a threat or a show of bravado. It was simply a reaffirmation by our President of our federal government's first and foremost duty - to protect the American people and the American homeland. By putting UBL and Saddam Hussein on the hot seat,

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Anyway, as always, there will be some very good food, including seafoods, red beans and rice, cotton candy, refreshments, games, crafts, activities for the youngsters, entertainment, etc. on tap for today at the St. Rose Fair.

I hope to see you at the fair this afternoon.

Coming this week will be the 2002 Cruisin' the Coast, October 6-13.

Activities begin in Bay St. Louis on Tuesday with a golf tournament at Casino Magic and a Bay St. Louis Old Town Cruise-In fol-

lowed by a cruise to Casino Magic.

Then on Thursday, Friday and Saturday there will be Cruisin' along the entire Coast, so that means Bay St. Louis will be filled with vintage vehicles.

Cruisin' the Coast is one of the most popular events that touches the three coastal counties.

It brings thousands of folks from across the nation to our area.

Remember, there will be certain streets closed in Bay St. Louis on Thursday, Friday and Saturday for the big event.

Milton Bernard seeks re-election as Waveland alderman

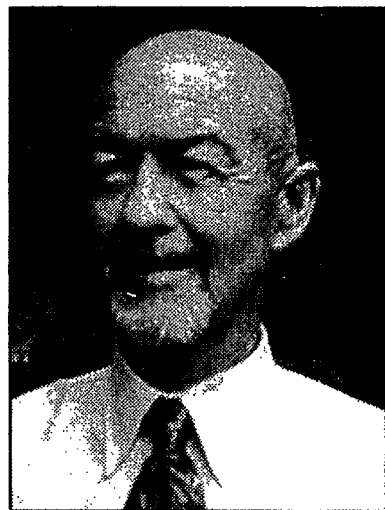
Milton Bernard has announced his candidacy for re-election to serve a second term as Ward I representative on the Board of Aldermen for the City of Waveland.

"I thank everyone for their decision made four years ago allowing me to serve as their alderman. It has certainly been a privilege as well as a challenge. Progress has been made, and a direction has been established. Numerous projects have been completed, others are in progress, and others are being planned for the future. Am I satisfied with the way things are? No, certainly not. Although progress has been made there is much, much more to achieve. For example, the condition of the grass and trash along our streets is totally unacceptable."

As a life long resident, Bernard has always been enthusiastic regarding his home town and its future. However, he feels his passion and concern have been amplified as a result of the commission, the voters of Ward I bestowed on him four years ago when they elected him to the Board of Aldermen.

"I am now asking them to allow me to continue to represent their passion and vision for our city for another four years. In the coming weeks, I will discuss some of the successes, some of the disappointments as well as the hopes for our future."

As stated during his candidacy four years ago, Bernard expresses a deep faith in God. He believes the greater majority of residents share this faith as evidenced by the attendance at the numerous houses of worship in the community. There is no doubt in my mind that this faith is a source of strength rather than a sign of weak-



Milton Bernard

ness. Our citizens want and deserve a moral, ethical, honest and knowledgeable city government whereby all of its citizens are heard, and are fairly and justly represented."

Bernard feels that his 15 years of accounting experience, his 20 years in contracting, combined with his experience as alderman and three-year tenure with the Street Department uniquely qualifies him to serve effectively.

Some of his major goals include fiscal responsibility, accountability, and providing the citizens of Waveland the maximum amount of city services for their tax dollars.

He expresses a deep concern that as Waveland continues to grow and develop that it does not lose its small-town atmosphere which is attractive to many visitors and a way of life for its residents.

"With your support and that of my family and wife, Marie, I know, as a community of caring individuals, we will all contribute to the growth and success of our unique city. Please let me hear from you. I look forward to meeting and talking with everyone. May God allow us to share in His many blessings as a people and as a city."

Sec. of State Clark kicks off 'Promote the Vote'

Secretary of State Eric Clark announced the start of "Promote the Vote," Mississippi's annual student mock election and voter education program.

"Promote the Vote" is designed to instill the values of participating in our American democracy and to get young people involved in the political process," Clark said.

Clark's office will conduct the state mock election on October 29 - one week before the general election. Students will vote for U.S. Senator and U.S. Representative.

All Mississippi school children - whether they attend public, private, or church-related schools, or are home-schooled - are eligible to participate.

TIME Magazine and the National Student/Parent Mock Election have recognized Clark's program as the best student voting program in the United States. Mississippi has also been selected to take part in Yale University's Civic Engagement Project to help reverse the decline in voter participation among young people.

Since "Promote the Vote" was started in 1996, enrollment has totaled 550,000, with some children participating every year.

Getting young people involved in our government is more important than ever, Clark said. According to the Federal Election

Commission turnout among young people was below 20 percent in the last off-year congressional election held in 1998.

Since 1972, turnout among young people in presidential elections has decreased from 50 percent to about 30 percent.

"If we're going to have an effective government in our country, we've got to reverse the trend of young people opting out of politics and voting," Clark said.

Overall, voter turnout in Mississippi ranked 38th in the country in the 2000 presidential election, with less than half of all Mississippians 18 or older voting for president.

Any school interested in participating in "Promote the Vote" should call 601-359-6582 or 1-800-829-6786 and ask for "Promote the Vote," or visit the Secretary of State's website at www.sos.state.ms.us.

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Cruisin' -- starts today

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tered cars while its first year only brought 374 vehicles to the Coast.

The economic impact of Cruisin' the Coast has also grown. Now estimated at \$10 to \$12 million, Cruisin' the Coast brought in \$1 to \$7 million during the first five years.

Cruisin' The Coast has received the Governor's Excellence in Tourism Award as Festival/Event of the Year in the State of Mississippi, was named the recipient of the "Shining Example Award" for Best Festival/Event of the year by the Southeast Tourism Society, was one of the "100 Events for the Year of 2001" by the American Bus Association and was also named a Southern Travel Treasure by AAA's magazine, AAA Southern Traveler.

The main Cruisin' action heats up in Bay St. Louis on Thursday.

Some streets will be closed Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. each day, to accumulate the Cruisin' traffic.

Closings during those times include:

- Beach Blvd to Ulman Ave., South to Court St. Ulman will be open to redire traffic. Only Cruisin' cars, emergency and vehicles with official passes will be allowed during festival hours.

- Beach Blvd. intersections at Carroll Ave., DeMontluzin and State St.
- Main St. to Beach Blvd. to Toulme.

- Cue St. to Main.
- Court St. will be open to two-way traffic from Beach Blvd. to Second St. for Cruisin' days only.

- Second St. will be closed between Court St. and State.
- Gex St. to Main to Court.

- All Second St. Elementary, Bay Catholic, OLA and St. Stanislaus traffic that normally travels Beach Blvd. from Hwy 90 is asked to use alternate routes whenever possible.

For more information, call (888) 808-1188 or visit www.cruisinthebeach.com.

Below is a schedule of Cruisin' events through Thursday. See Thursday's Echo or The Gulf Coast Extra for more details.

Sunday, Oct. 6

- Official CTC Pre-party (noon to 3 p.m.)
- Choice Supermarket located at Hardy Court Shopping Center, Courthouse Rd., 2 miles north of Hwy 90
- Chefs of The Coast Food and Wine Festival (5 p.m. to 10 p.m.)
- MS Coast Coliseum Convention Center (to the rear of the arena)
- Monday, Oct. 7
- Edgewater Mall Shopping Events
- Golf Packages
- Grand Casino

Gulfport - Voodoo Groove Nightclub

Official "After Cruisin'" Party Place

- Grand Casino Biloxi
- Wild Coyotes Dance Club

Official "After Cruisin'" Party Place

Tuesday, Oct. 8

- \$10,000 Cash

Giveaway Promotion and Exotic Car Display at Edgewater Mall

- Whitney Bank

Military Veteran's Cruise-Ins:

Gulfport VA (10 a.m. to 12 p.m.)

Biloxi VA (12:30 to 2:30 p.m.)

- 1st Annual Cruisin' The Coast® Golf Classic

The Bridges Casino

Magic Bay St. Louis

Shotgun Start (8 a.m.)

- Bay St. Louis Old

Town Happy Hour

Cruise-in (3 to 6 p.m.)

- Bay St. Louis

Cruise from Old Town Bay St. Louis to Casino Magic Bay St. Louis (6 to 7 p.m.)

- Van Dells (8 and 10:30 p.m.)

Casino Magic Bay St. Louis Lobby Stage

- Brandon Bennett,

"Elvis My Way" (8 p.m.)

Treasure Bay Casino

Wednesday, Oct. 9

- Peoples Bank /

Biloxi Chamber / Main

Street Biloxi Welcoming

Block Party (8 a.m. to noon)

Downtown Biloxi (Hwy 90 to Porter Ave. (lighthouse) go north, then east on Howard Ave.)

- Swap Meet Vendor

Set-Up (9 a.m.)

MS Coast Coliseum

south grounds

- Casino Poker Run

Begins

Noon, All Participating

Casinos

- Auto Registration,

2002 Only (1 to 5 p.m.)

Gulfport Rice Pavilion

- Staging for Long

Beach Kick-Off Parade

(4 to 6 p.m.) Long Beach

High School

- Kick-Off Cruise

(6:30 to 7:30 p.m.)

Jeff Davis Ave. to Long

Beach Harbor and Yacht

Club

- Sponsor Party (5:30

to 8:30 p.m.) (CTC sponsors

only) Long Beach Harbor

(inside Long Beach Yacht

Club)

- Rockin' the Dock

CTC Participants Kick-

Off Party (6:30 to 9 p.m.)

Long Beach Harbor (out-

side Long Beach Yacht

Club)

Long Beach Stage - Vince

Vance & The Valiants

- CTC Top 100

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Saturday during registra-

tion at Gulfport Rice

Pavilion

- The Van-Dells (8

and 10:30 p.m.)

Casino Magic Bay St.

Louis Lobby Stage

- Gary Puckett (8

p.m.) Grand Casino

Gulfport Pavilion

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Gulfport - Voodoo Groove Nightclub

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- Grand Casino Biloxi
- Wild Coyotes Dance Club

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Big, Bad and Beautiful, a Greg Thompson Production (6:30 and 8:30 p.m.) Casino Magic Biloxi

- Brandon Bennett,

"Elvis My Way" (8 p.m.)

Treasure Bay Casino

Thursday, Oct. 10

- Country Cruisin'

Breakfast (7:30 to 11 a.m.)

Long Beach Yacht Club

- Auto Registration (9

a.m. to 5 p.m.)

Gulfport Rice Pavilion

- Hospitality,

Information & Car Corral

(9 a.m.-5 p.m.)

Long Beach Harbor

- ICA / CTC Auto

Auction, Auto Check-In

(9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)

MS Coast Coliseum

- Cruisin' Time Starts

(9 a.m.)

All Cruisin' sites (Bay St. Louis, Gulfport, Coliseum, Edgewater Mall, Ocean Springs and D'Iberville)

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Cruisin' Venue

Entertainment Oct. 10

- Bay St. Louis

11 a.m. to noon - Eddie

McDaniels

- 1 to 2 p.m. - Little

Deuce Coupe

3 to 4:30 p.m. - Gary

Wesley Show

- Gulfport

11 a.m. to noon - Splash

1 to 2 p.m. - Figure 8

3 to 4:30 p.m. -

NaNaSha

- Edgewater Mall

11 a.m. - noon - Rhythm

& Rain

- 1 to 2 p.m. - Shotgun

3 to 4:30 p.m. - Pat

Murphy Band

- Ocean Springs

11 a.m. to noon -

Darlawax

- 1 to 2 p.m. - Frankie &

The Cruisers

3 to 4:30 p.m. - Robert

Cabella

- D'Iberville

11 a.m. to noon - Pryme

Time

- 1 to 2 p.m. - Perfect Mix

3 to 4:30 p.m. - Vince

Vance & The Valiants

- Cruisin' Time Ends

(5 p.m.) All Cruisin' sites

(BSL, GPT, Coliseum, Mall,

DIB and OS)

- Beau Rivage Casino

- Official Thursday Night

Event

6 p.m. - Cruise-in at

Beau Rivage Casino

5 to 8 p.m. - Southern

Sports Tonight

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seven states. Hosts: Scott

McKinney and Max Howell

- Dennis Gage

Signing (7 to 9 p.m.) Beau

Rivage Casino

- Big, Bad and

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Allison (7-9 p.m.) Isle of

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Payne said Friday that the GM&R employees' temporary health problems were caused by a large concentration of the pesticide chlordane in the work area.

Chlordane is a relatively common pesticide, Payne said, but rarely becomes a health issue.

"This is not something that folks want to be working with in an enclosed space ... unless they're wearing appropriate protective equipment," Payne said.

"To go in and do work in a confined area like that, you've got to suit up and be protected for it."

If unprotected, those working in close proximity to chlordane could experience temporary central nervous system disorders.

Payne said the substance should pose no threat whatsoever to courthouse office workers, since it is apparently in the soil under the courthouse and

FEMA: Federal assets in place to assist Gulf Coast with hurricane recovery

THE SEA COAST ECHO

To respond quickly and effectively, if necessary, to the needs of the victims of Hurricane Lili, FEMA has coordinated the activation and pre-positioning of federal response assets.

This coordination includes preparing and deploying personnel to the Gulf Coast region, increasing coordination with vulnerable state and local governments and pre-positioning equipment and materiel.

"The federal government is at the ready in case its resources are needed to help Gulf Coast residents recover from Lili," said FEMA

Director Joe M. Allbaugh.

"We will continue to work with state and local officials to monitor developments and take immediate action where necessary."

FEMA has taken the following preparedness actions as of October 3:

- FEMA Director Joe M. Allbaugh is traveling in Texas and Louisiana to work with Governors Rick Perry (TX) and Mike Foster (LA) to assess the situation first-hand and expedite federal assistance should it be needed.

- FEMA has established a mobilization center at Camp Beauregard, La., and

pre-positioned 100 power generators, water, food and a cache of materials for Urban Search and Rescue support teams.

- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Planning and Response teams, with expertise in ice, water, power, debris, removal, and emergency housing, are pre-positioned in Louisiana.

- Six Disaster Medical Assistance Teams (DMAT) from the Department of Health and Human Services are pre-positioned in Louisiana and Mississippi.

- The Department of Transportation's Emergency Transportation

Center is activated in Atlanta.

- A Rapid Needs Assessment Team is staged in Baton Rouge, to assess life-safety needs immediately following the storm.

- FEMA liaisons are working with state and local officials in the Texas and Louisiana Emergency Operations Centers.

- Management officials of a FEMA Emergency Response Team - National are pre-positioned in Denton, Texas, to oversee a federal response to Hurricane Lili, if necessary.

- Emergency communication assets are pre-positioned in the region.

Salvation Army assisting victims of Lili

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Salvation Army personnel and disaster units throughout the Alabama-Louisiana-Mississippi Division are currently helping victims of Hurricane Lili by providing meals, shelter and cleaning supplies.

The ALM Division, which covers the areas affected by Lili, has positioned personnel at a Command Center located in Baton Rouge.

Mobile feeding canteens from the division were activated on Wednesday to assist the victims of the storm in Lake Charles, New Orleans and Lafayette.

In Gulfport, Incident Commander Major Darrell Kingsbury has served a

total of 264 meals, provided lodging for 126 people and has distributed two cleaning kits. Assisting with the feedings in Gulfport are canteens from Biloxi and Laurel, Miss.

The Salvation Army's Hattiesburg shelter has provided lodging for 99 people and served 98 breakfasts this morning. At lunch, the number was down to 78, with most people going home.

The Salvation Army purchased 46 cots for special needs storm victims seeking lodging at the Hancock County shelter.

In Atlanta, the FEMA Regional Operations Center has been activated, and Lt.

Colonel David Mickles has staffed the facility on behalf of the Army.

The territory has also put together a territorial assistance team from Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas to tend aid to the division.

Other Southern Territorial divisional disaster personnel and canteens will remain on standby for the next several days, ready to assist or to respond. In-kind donations are not needed at this time.

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For information, contact Dee Tanner at 255-4815.

Opening of Mississippi oyster areas postponed

The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources (DMR) has announced that the opening and reopening of all Mississippi oyster areas have been postponed due to rainfall and river stage exceeding the shellfish growing waters management plan criteria and coastal flooding associated with Tropical Storm Isidore and Hurricane Lili.

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Obituaries

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VERGIE LILES
EMMAI WILLIAMS

JEROME DAHN
 Jerome Timothy Dahn, age unavailable, of Gulfport, died Oct. 2, 2002, in Gulfport.

Mr. Dahn was a longtime resident of the Coast. He was a lifetime member of the American Legion Post No. 77 in Waveland and was a Navy veteran and served. He was of the Catholic faith.

He was preceded in death by his father, John Charles Dahn Sr.; and a brother, Peter Joseph Dahn.

Survivors include his mother, Lucille Dahn of Bay St. Louis; three brothers, John Charles Dahn Jr. and Nicholas Edward Dahn, both of Waveland, and Michael Richard Dahn of St. Cloud, Fla.; three sisters, Elizabeth Dahn Ferrell of Waveland, Mary Dahn Mocklin of Portland, Ore., and Judith Dahn Williams of Merritt Island, Fla.

Visitation was Friday at Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis followed by services in the funeral home chapel. Burial was in Gulf Coast Memorial Cemetery in Bay St. Louis.

JOHN W. DRASGOW

John Wayne Drasgow of Lexington, Md., 18, died Tuesday, October 1, 2002, in Hattiesburg, MS.

Drasgow was affiliated with the Baptist Church. He was a Special Olympic Cyclist Athlete of Maryland. He attended the 1999 World Game in Cary, N.C., representing the Maryland team for USA in the 40k race. He finished 6th in the world competition.

Survivors include his parents, Jim and Barbara of Lexington, Md.; and sister, Jackie Woodward of Bay St. Louis.

Visitation will be at 6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 6, at Derby Baptist Church in Poplarville. White Funeral Home in Poplarville is in charge of arrangements.

LYNN FANDAL

Lynn J. Fandal, 62, of Pass Christian, died on Tuesday, October 2, 2002, in Gulfport.

He was husband of Dorothy J. "Dottie" Steele Fandal; father of Michael P. Fandal and Trace Lynne Furtado; son of Julius D. and Marguerite "Maggie" Galatas Fandal; brother of Carlos "Mickey" Fandal, Rodney "Boo" Fandal, Allen Fandal, Julie F. Canulette, Denise F. Hartley, and the late Thomas Fandal; also survived by one grandson, Tomas Gabriel Furtado.

He was native and longtime former resident of Slidell, former resident of Chalmette, and resident of

Pass Christian since 1995. Mr. Fandal was a U.S. Army Veteran. He began his working career with Tenneco Refinery, Chalmette, and retired as assistant operations manager of Mobil Chalmette Refinery. He was a member of St. Thomas Catholic Church or Long Beach.

Services with Mass will be at Honaker Funeral Home, 1751 Gause Blvd. West (in Forest Lawn Cemetery), Slidell, on Monday, October 7 at 11 a.m. Interment will be in Forest Lawn Cemetery.

ALICE FARRELL

Mrs. Alice Farrell, 84, of Waveland, MS, died Friday, October 4, 2002, in Waveland.

Arrangements are incomplete at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS.

JORDAN HALL

Infant Jordan Christianson Hall of Gulfport, died Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2002, in Bay St. Louis.

Jordan was preceded in death by his great-grandfathers Fred Bischoff and Leonardo Francabandera.

Survivors include his parents, Amanda F. and Stephen W. Hall, Jr.; his grandparents, Bob and Florence Osborne of Indianapolis, Ind., Luca and Lillian Francabandera of Waveland, and Stephen W. Hall, Sr. of Indianapolis; uncles and aunts Sarah and Todd Poage and Richard Francabandera, all of Gulfport and Chris and Randy Land of Indianapolis; and many cousins.

Visitation was Saturday at Riemann Memorial Funeral Home in Gulfport followed by services. Burial was in Foral Hills Memorial Gardens and Mausoleum in Gulfport.

THERESA HEAD

Theresa McKeithen Head, 88, of Covington, La., died Sept. 04, 2002 in Azle, Texas.

She is survived by her children Mona Biggers Warm of Clinton, La., Bobby Preston Biggers of Covington, La., Charles Howard Biggers of Madisonville, La., Elizabeth Arleen Goins of Azle, Texas; Brenda Joyce Gulino of Covington, La., James Ogleshorp Biggers of Jacksonville, NC.

Mrs. Head was preceded in death by her first husband M.R. Biggers, of Covington, and Gilbert Joseph LaBorde her youngest son. Mrs. Head was married to Clyde W. Head of Kiln and Gulfport until his death. Mrs. Head was born in Holum, La. and resided in Grayson, Monroe, Abita Springs, Covington, Mandeville. She resided in Gulfport and Kiln for the past 20 years.

She is also survived by one brother, O.A. Billy Mc

Keithen of Marksville, La. and two sisters Joyce Carr of Port Lavaca Texas; and Florence Bates of Boyce, La.

Preceding her in death were three sisters, Moise Chandler, Naomi Biggs and Edith "Kit" Walters; and two brothers, A.G. Mc Keithen and Robert Mc Keithen; and her parents Eligah and Pauline Mc Keithen. She is also survived by 21 grandchildren, 30 great grandchildren, including 1 great-great grandchild.

Memorial services were held in Covington, La. at Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church on Wednesday, followed by burial at Bayou Coco Point Cemetery in Kiln.

Charlet Funeral Home in Covington, La. are in charge of arrangements.

JOHN G. HILL JR.

John G. Hill, Jr., 77, of Pass Christian, died Thursday, Sept. 26, 2002, in Gulfport.

Mr. Hill was born in Washington, D.C., and had been a resident of Pass Christian for 15 years. He was a graduate of Tulane University and the University of Wisconsin. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and was a retired investment banker with Whitney Bank in New Orleans. He was Catholic and a member of Tulane Alumni Association and Pass Christian Yacht Club.

Survivors include his wife, Suellen DeForest Hill of Pass Christian; a son, John Hill III of Metairie, La.; and a brother, George Hill of New Orleans.

Visitation was Wednesday at Bradford O'Keefe Funeral Home in Gulfport. Graveside services followed at Biloxi National Cemetery.

The family prefers memorials to Harrison County Humane Society, 13756 Washington Ave., Gulfport, MS 39507.

CORNELIA JARRELL

Cornelia Jarrell, 57, of Picayune, died Oct. 2, 2002, in Picayune.

Mrs. Jarrell was a native of Picayune and a homemaker. She was a member of Pine Grove Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, James P. Jarrell Sr. of Picayune; a son, James P. Jarrell Jr. of Carriere; daughters Kelley R. Kelley of Nicholson, Miss., and Rachel Lee Jarrell of Picayune; two brothers, Melvin Snelgrove of Carriere and Jimmy Snelgrove of Bay St. Louis; a sister, Brenda Nelson of Kiln; and a grandchild.

Graveside services were conducted Friday in Pine Grove Cemetery under the direction of Picayune Funeral Home.

VERGIE LILES

Vergie Magdalene Liles, 77, of Lakeshore, died

Friday, Oct. 4, 2002, in Bay St. Louis.

Mrs. Liles was a native of Arab, Ala. and a lifelong resident of Lakeshore. She was a member of Lakeshore Baptist Church and of the American Legion Post 77 Ladies Auxiliary in Waveland. She was manager of Majic Market for many years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James T. Liles; and her parents, Leon Jefferson and Cera W. Bell Hartsfield.

Survivors include sons John Thomas Liles of Poplarville and Richard Joseph Liles of Kiln; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Saturday at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis followed by a prayer service in Lakeshore Baptist Church and interment in Lakeshore Cemetery.

EMMAI WILLIAMS

Emmai Smith Williams was born in Piave (Green County), Mississippi on April 7, 1916. She died September 30, 2002.

Mrs. Williams was a pioneer in the literacy movement. She served as the coordinator of the first sustained literacy program in Mississippi. She co-authored a training manual on "How to Set Up and Sustain a Literacy Program." During the early 80s, she trained literacy coordinators and volunteer tutors, among others, in Bay St. Louis, Pass Christian and Waveland.

She received both national and state awards, one presented by Pat Robertson and the other by the governor of Mississippi.

Mrs. Williams taught Sunday School most of her life and was a member of Bel Aire Baptist Church in Orange Grove.

She was the daughter of William "Will" Michael Smith and Ella Kitrell Smith, both deceased.

She was preceded in death by ten brothers, Harvey, Luther, Grady, Claudy, Aubrey, Garland, Arlis, W.D. "Pee Wee," Owen and Durwood, and two sisters, Sylvia Boren and Thelma Saucier.

She is survived by two sisters, Floy Smith, of Hattiesburg, and Exie Dee Burris of Franklin, Tennessee.

She was the mother of three children, Parry, Norris, and Doris. Her sons live in Gulfport and her daughter in Hattiesburg. She has five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Friday evening, and services were conducted Saturday at Riemann Funeral Home on Highway 49 in Orange Grove.

Burial was in the Gulf Pines Memorial Gardens and Mausoleum in Long Beach.

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Marine Resources CRMP meeting to be held Thurs.

The October meeting of the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources Comprehensive Resource Management Plan (CRMP) will be Thursday, Oct. 10, at 10 a.m. in the public meeting room of the Bolton Building, 1141 Bayview Ave., Biloxi.

The overall objective of the GRMP is to build the capacity of state and local governments to manage and protect coastal wetlands and marine resources in

Mississippi by coordinating agency efforts, developing the necessary partnerships among public and private entities, and integrating wetland protection and management into the lifestyle of the coastal community.

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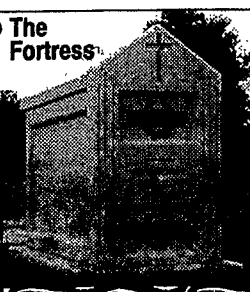
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Dr.'s insurance group raises rates 45 percent

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — The Medical Assurance Co. of Mississippi, a doctor-owned insurance group, has notified its 2,200 physician policyholders that it will raise rates by 45 percent.

The rate change, a letter to policyholders said, is in part due to the state's legal climate.

MACM chief executive Michael Houp said the increase was not meant to affect the ongoing special session, which has lawmakers wrangling over how to curb rising medical malpractice premiums. Doctors, who have said they are exposed to frivolous claims and large jury verdicts, are asking lawmakers for relief.

But Rep. Bubba Pierce, a member of the committee that studied civil justice reform over the summer, said the rate hike will likely speed up negotiations between House and Senate lawmakers who have met for 15 days and not produced any legislation.

"Any time you see a 45 percent increase on anything ... that's tremendous,"

said Pierce, D-Leakesville.

The full House and Senate will convene Monday afternoon on the issue. Negotiators from the two chambers met Sunday.

"We purposely did not rush or try to conduct any type of public announcement that could be viewed as grandstanding during an already contentious special session," Houp said in a written statement. "The 2003 rate change would happen regardless of the special session outcome."

Houp said the company decides whether to raise rates at this time every year. The letter explains that MACM has been hit with a 50 percent increase in net incurred losses this year over last year. It absorbed an underwriting loss of \$11 million and its operating surplus dropped \$14 million. Those factors, along with the state's legal climate, have forced the company into an across-the-board rate hike effective Jan. 1, the company said.

The letter also explains that any civil justice reform

enacted now by lawmakers would not be retroactive and therefore, not affect pending suits.

"Regardless of what may result from the ongoing tort reform debate, please remember that such proposed public policy changes are critical for the long-term, but do not provide a magical 'silver-bullet' that will immediately affect medical malpractice insurance rates," the letter says.

Dr. Tom Carey, an obstetrician/gynecologist in Natchez, said the rate increase will force him to limit himself to gynecological coverage, to work for a county-owned hospital where doctors have more protection from lawsuits, or to leave the state.

It's a decision he'll now have to make before Jan. 1, when the new rate takes effect, he said.

"We were expecting a raise, but I don't think we were expecting quite 45 percent."

The hike will raise his payments from \$60,250 to about \$87,000, he said.

There are currently three obstetricians in the area, all of whom are covered by MACM. The rate increase could leave the Natchez area with none, Carey said.

"The doctors aren't sitting here thinking, 'MACM is trying to drive us out of business.' They're just trying to make sure they're here 10 years from now," he said. "The question is, are obstetrical services going to be in Natchez, because who can afford that?"

David Baria, the head of the Mississippi Trial Lawyers Association, who opposes capping pain and suffering awards as proposed by lawmakers, said rising premiums have nothing to do with the legal climate.

"I think that a rate increase is an unfortunate turn of events and that it would have occurred regardless of whether tort reform would have already been passed by our Legislature," he said.

"There is no relationship between the caps and decreased premiums."

Gex to serve as financial services officer

Joseph William "Joe" Gex, II, has moved to Hancock Bank's Poplarville branch as a new financial services officer, according to an announcement by Hancock Bank President and Chief Executive Officer George A. Schloegel.

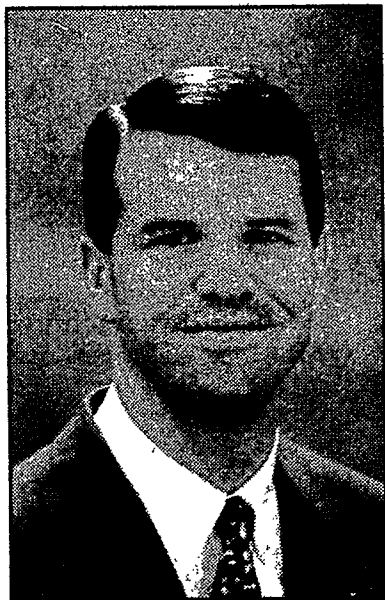
A Bay St. Louis native, Gex was graduated from St. Stanislaus High School and received a bachelor of arts degree in history from The University of Mississippi (Ole Miss).

Additionally, he has completed graduate courses in theology history at Loyola University in New Orleans.

He served St. Stanislaus as prefect, teacher and coach for seven years before joining Hancock Bank in 1999 as a credit analyst.

Gex has completed numerous courses through the American Institute of Banking (AIB), American Recoveries Association, and Hancock University — Hancock Bank's comprehensive professional development, education, and training curriculum — and was a graduate of the company's first retail management class.

Gex is active in the Poplarville Rotary Club and is a vice president of the St.



Joe Gex

Stanislaus board of trustees. He is a life member of the Ole Miss Alumni Association, a charter life member of the Mississippi Sports Foundation (parent organization for the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame), and a member of the St. Stanislaus Alumni Association. He is also a member of the Sacred Heart-Dedeaux Parish in Pass Christian.

Gex and his wife, the former Robin Faye Seal, reside in Kiln and have one son, Joseph William "Manning" Gex, III, age six months.

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SPORTS

Hawks come close to shocking #1 War Eagles; game ends 31-15

BY DWAYNE BREMER
Contributing Writer

Folks in Hancock County have a lot to be proud of this week, as the young men of Hancock High School played against the best football team in the state of Mississippi and nearly came out victorious.

The score of the game was no indication of how this one was played, as the Hawks outgained the mighty Wayne County War Eagles (6-0) by 60 yards, and outplayed them for three and a half quarters before dropping a heart-breaking 31-15 decision.

The Hawks had the ball inside the War Eagles 15 yard line three times in the fourth quarter, but good defense frustrated the Hawks.

"I'm a little frustrated because we had our chances, but I could not ask for a better effort out of this team, our kids worked really hard this week, and I know we're a better team than three-and-three," said Hawks head coach Rocky Gaudin.

The Hawks' effort was appreciated by Wayne County as well. "Coach Gaudin has done a fine job with his program at Hancock, Hancock outplayed us for most of the game, we were fortunate to make some big plays late, and have excellent red zone defense," said War Eagles head coach Marcus Boyles.

The Hawks were burned by prep all-American candidate Akeem Loftin, who ran for 157 yards and three touchdowns on only eight carries.

The Hawks dominated the first half of play, as they put together two long time consuming drives to start the game. Wayne County

only ran three plays in the first quarter, and had -1 yards of offense.

Early in the second quarter, the Hawks drove inside the War Eagles' 10 yard line, but a missed fieldgoal kept the score at 0-0.

The Hawks defense made the first big play of the game, as Darren Elliot poured in on Akeem Loftin and sacked him, causing a fumble. Matt Rayborn picked up the ball, and returned it to the War Eagle 36.

Three plays later, on fourth-and-three, Hawks quarterback Brandon Necaise called his own number on a veer right, and Necaise took it all the way for a 30-yard touchdown. Chris Jones added the point-after, and with 8:52 to play in the first half, the Hawks led 7-0.

The War Eagles answered quickly, as they put together a seven-play drive to score.

Loftin took in a three-yard touchdown, but Charles Bolden blocked the extra-point attempt to keep the Hawks on top 7-6 with 6:53 to play in the half.

The score remained the same until halftime.

The War Eagles opened the second half with a bang, as Scott Saul took in the opening kickoff, and took off 84 yards for a touchdown. The extra point failed, but the War Eagles had taken a 12-7 lead.

The War Eagles bench and crowd loosened up as if they had finally gotten rid of the pesky Hawks. This was not to be the case, as the Hawks showed they were for real on their next drive. Facing a third-and-nine at the 26, Necaise rolled out left. Necaise stood in the pocket and delivered

a strike to David Brown, who faked out a defender, and turned on the jets, going all 74 yards for a Hawks touchdown. It was the Hawks' longest play in three years. Necaise found Steven Dauenhauer in the back of the endzone for a two-point conversion, and the Hawks were back on top 15-12 with 10:36 to play in the third.

Hancock's defense kept the pressure on, as Bolden recovered a fumble on the next War Eagles drive at the 47.

The Hawks tried to take charge in the game, as they picked up a first down behind the running of Brown, and Ricky Underwood. The Hawks looked poised for another score, but a fumble by Ervin Jackson broke the momentum, as the War Eagles recovered at the 26.

Three plays later, the War Eagles made the Hawks pay, as Loftin turned a busted play into a fabulous 65-yard touchdown run. The extra point was blocked by Bolden, but the War Eagles had retaken the lead 18-15 with 5:15 to play in the third.

The Hawks took over at the 29, and began to move the ball once again. Necaise hit Myron Fairley for a 30-yard strike, and Bolden ran a reverse for 11 yards. Necaise connected with Brown for nine yards, and Underwood had a six-yard run, as the Hawks reached the War Eagles 11-yardline early in the fourth quarter. The Hawks elected to go on fourth-and-one, but a false start pushed them back five yards. On fourth-and-six, Necaise was sacked, and the War Eagles took over at the 22.

The Hawks defense held

tough, as Jarrod Barrios and Donald Hains made big stops for a punt. Hancock took over again at the 46, with 10:04 to play.

Brown ran for five yards, and Necaise hit Fairley for a first down pass, but Fairley fumbled the ball at the 40, and the War Eagles recovered at the 42.

Two plays later, Loftin took a keeper 54 yards for a touchdown. The War eagles went for two, but Underwood stopped Michael McLaughlin at the one. The War Eagles now led 24-15 with 8:23 to play.

The Hawks did not quit, as they put together a 12-play drive to get back inside the War Eagles' 15. Necaise completed five passes on the drive, but a fourth down pass was knocked down at the goal line, and the War Eagles took over with 4:10 to play.

They added a late touchdown, as McLaughlin ran in a 35 yard touchdown with 1:01 to play. Breck Mills added the point-after, and the final score would be 31-15.

Necaise had one of his best days at quarterback. The senior signal caller was 13-23 for 205 yards, and he added a 30-yard rushing touchdown.

Brown caught four passes for 110 yards, and added 48 on the ground. On defense, Elliot had a big night with seven tackles and a sack; Hains and Underwood had six tackles each.

"I hope that we can rebound, we have not played four quarters in a game this year, and it would be nice to see what happens if we do," Gaudin said.

The Hawks will go on the road to face Meridian next week.

Pass drops heartbreaker to Vancleave

BY STEVE SMITH
Contributing Writer

Pass Christian lost a heartbreaker Friday night to the Vancleave Bulldogs, 22 to 18. The Pirates are 0-and-2 in district play and 2-and-4 overall.

A miscue on the long snap to punter Jacob Welch resulted in a safety and gave the Bulldogs their first two points, and a four yard run by Derek Wells put Vancleave ahead 8-to-0 in the first quarter. Maurice Hardnett put the Pirates on the board with a one yard run making it 8 to 6 in favor of Vancleave. Wells added a second touchdown run to put Vancleave ahead 16 to 6 with 10:30 left in the third quarter.

Bouncing right back, the Pirates scored on a touchdown run by Anthony Henderson, showing great speed and determination, and putting Pass High within four points at 16-to-12. Unfortunately, Derek Wells received the ensuing kickoff and returned it 70 yards for a touchdown. The point-after was no good and the Bulldogs led, 22 to 12.

Although the Pirate defense shut out the Bulldogs for the remainder of the game, their offense managed only one more score, that on a spectacular 65 yard run by Maurice Hardnett, bringing the score to 22-18 in favor of Vancleave. Brad Steube, Ledale Johnson and the entire Pirate defense stepped up and took care of business against a Bulldog offense possessed of very

good speed and power.

On offense, the Pirates began to work in some players who hadn't seen much action so far this season. Donovan Fairley and Charles Woods Jr. contributed to an ever-improving Pirate offense, running with determination.

Trailing by four with 2:31 remaining in the third quarter, the Bulldogs drove to the Pirate 15 yardline before fumbling, and Anthony Henderson recovered for Pass High. Pass High used up the rest of the

third period and half of the fourth before stalling at the Vancleave 24 yardline, giving the ball over on downs.

The Bulldogs chewed up the bulk of the time remaining while advancing to the Pirate 31 yardline. Facing fourth-and-eight, the Bulldogs lost a yard on a swing pass to Derek Wells, due to an outstanding play by Robert Hargrove. The Pirates got the ball back, but lost Hargrove to heat cramps. Jacob Welch marched the Pirates down the field in short order

aided by a gutsy fourth-and-one call to Hardnett and a 39-yard reception by Chad Musgrove, setting up first-and-ten at the Bulldog 15 yard-line, with time running out. A mix-up in the backfield all but sunk the Pirates, and with three seconds left, the Pirates could not get lined up in time to run another play.

"We had some crucial mistakes that killed us," Coach Vonderbruegge said after the game. The Pirates face 5-and-1 East Central at home next Friday.

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SPORTS

Gators chomp on Rocks 58-12

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

The Gautier Gators chomped on the Rocks (2-4, 1-1) early and often in the first half as they built an insurmountable 51-0 lead at intermission. SSC scored twice in the fourth quarter to avoid the shutout.

Rock mentor Casey Wittmann stated, "Our kids did not come to play in the first half. We knew they had lots of speed and our guys did not put forth the effort to counter that. It was an embarrassment to SSC and to our families. We need to put this behind us. We will get better."

The Rocks were unable to generate any offense in the first half as they managed just 36 total yards of offense. However, the Gators enjoyed great field position and scored on all seven of their first half possessions as they racked up 465 yards of total offense in the game.

Gautier opened the scoring on their second play from scrimmage with a 45-yard run Octavian Stafford with 9:10 left in the first quarter. The PAT by Kell Robbins was good making

the score 7-0.

On their second possession, it took the Gators three plays to get in the endzone. Carrio Rudolph threw a 55-yard bomb to RaShawn Harris with 5:16 remaining in the first quarter. Rudolph went back to the air for the two-point conversion connecting with Jarrod Rudolph to make the score 15-0.

Harris recorded an interception for the Gators to give Gautier the ball at the Rock 25 yardline on their third possession. Two plays later, Rudolph crossed the goal line untouched with 2:53 left in the quarter. Robbins added the PAT for a 22-0 lead.

The Gators went back to the air on the fourth possession when Rudolph found Fred Millender for a 54-yard score with 10:54 left in the first half. Gautier added the two-point conversion when Rudolph hit Herman Glaude in the endzone. The score was now 30-0.

Following a Rock punt, the Gators took over on their own 38 yardline. Glaude sprinted 43 yards on the second play from scrim-

mage with 9:13 left in the half. Robbins added the PAT to make the score 37-0.

On the ensuing possession, Jeremy Keller booted a 60-yard punt but the Rocks got the ball back on a roughing the punter penalty by Gautier. However, SSC was unable to capitalize and turned the ball back over to the Gators.

The Gators marched 62 yards in six plays which was capped by Stafford's 16-yard run with 3:15 left in the half. The PAT by Robbins made the score 44-0.

The Gators scored with :00 left on the clock in the first half when Rudolph connected with a wide open Carlos Chatman for a 34-yard score. Robbins connected on the PAT and the score was 51-0.

Neither team scored in the third quarter due to some stingy defense on both sides. The Rocks got some defensive help from Lee Klein, Ashton Wright, Gabe Willis, and Mike Cure on the Gators opening drive which consisted of 10 plays. The Rocks held firm and forced the Gators to turn the ball over on downs.

The Rocks mounted their

longest drive of the night which was 10-play drive that covered 44 yards. SSC was forced to turn the ball over on downs; however, a Gautier fumble was recovered by Lee Klein at the Gator 14 yardline. Five plays later the Rocks had their first score of the game when Matt Hoda snuck in from one-yard out with 10:06 left in the game. The two-point conversion by the Rocks failed leaving the score 51-6.

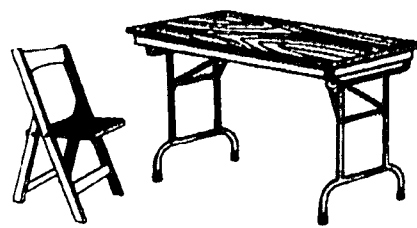
Gautier struck right back with a three-play drive that was capped by a 27-yard touchdown pass from Gerrod Miskel to John Welch with 8:16 remaining in the game. Robbins made the PAT and the score 58-6.

The Rocks scored on the final play of the game with :00 left as Ashton Wright broke free for a 14-yard run. The two-point conversion failed leaving the final score 58-12.

The Rocks are on the road again next week against the D'Iberville Warriors. Game time is set for 7:30pm. See you at the game!

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Tigers never say 'die' in 55-7 loss to Forrest Co.

BY MAURICE
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Contributing Writer

The Bay High Tigers dropped to 0-6 with a 55-7 loss to Forrest County in Brooklyn on Friday night, but the score and game statistics do not tell the whole story. The Tigers were down 41-0 at halftime and 55-0 when the Tigers managed to score with 2:24 remaining on the game clock.

Bay High could not match the 270-pound line-men of the Aggies or the tall receiver and lightning-quick running back. In fact, standing head-to-head, the Tigers looked more like a junior high team going up against a huge Aggies team. But the Tigers played every down, and the coaches coached every play. They were in the game.

"These guys didn't give up tonight," said Jake Pearce, the Tigers' only senior on the field on Friday night. "I am proud of these guys. These guys are young, but they showed a lot of heart tonight."

With just under six minutes remaining in the game, the Tigers Jimmy Blount recovered a Forrest County fumble at the Aggies' 39 yardline. Pearce ran for 7 yards on second down and

was held to no gain on the very next play. Facing fourth down and needing 3 yards for a first down, Tigers' quarterback Zack Ferry followed his right tackle for a four yard gain and a first down at the Forrest County 27 yardline.

The Tigers lost a yard on first down, but on second down, Lorenzo Lewis outraced Forrest County defenders for an 10-yard run to left side of the field a yard short of a first down. On third down, Ferry barely missed his favorite target Robbie Pitre in the end zone. On fourth down Lewis followed his blocking in the middle for a two yard gain and a first down at the Forrest County 15 yardline.

On first down Kyle Moran carried for 4 yards to the Forrest County 11 yardline. Ferry picked up 3 yards on a quarterback keeper to the Forrest County 8 yardline. Then on third down, Ferry found Pitre in a screen pattern, and Pitre gave the defender a fake to the outside and split defenders for the score. Kyle Moran's successful point after kick gave the Tigers 7 points.

The Tigers put together two other sustained drives, the first coming in the clos-

ing minute of the first half and the other ended just three plays before the scoring drive.

Starting at their own 30 yardline, Ferry led the Tigers down field, mixing runs with a 21-yard pass completion, and a 9-yard quarterback keeper into Aggies territory and a first down. Pitre was on the receiving end of the pass play. The drive netted 3 first downs, but it ended as Ferry fumbled just before he crossed the goal line. The Aggies recovered in the end zone.

Overall, Ferry completed five of 14 pass attempts for 78 yards. Pitre was on the receiving end of four of the passes for 74 yards.

Pearce and Kyle Moran each rushed for 26 yards on 8 carries. Lorenzo Lewis added 17 yards on 12 carries. Ferry rushed for 17 yards on 5 keepers.

Defensively, Pearce led the Tigers with 6 tackles, followed by Brad Ladner with 4 and Shawn Moran, Cory Thornton and Trevor Adam with 2 apiece. Shawn Moran also had a fumble recovery.

The Tigers begin a run of four district games as they host Gautier in Bay St. Louis on Friday night.

Golf tournament, auction Oct. 26 benefit United Way at Treasure Bay

United Way of South Mississippi (UWSM) has been named as the recipient for the proceeds from the Golf Tournament and Silent Auction of Sports Memorabilia in memory of Cal Priest, a Treasure Bay Casino employee who passed away. On Saturday, Oct. 26, Treasure Bay Casino will host a silent auction of sports memorabilia in Scalawag's Showbar from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Then on Sunday, Oct. 27, the Cal Priest Memorial Golf Tournament will tee off at 11 a.m. at the Great Southern Golf Club. The

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OLA-Pass volleyball

Our Lady Academy sunk the Pass Christian Lady Pirates 15-4, 15-3 Thursday night in high school volleyball. Lauren Renz scored nine points and Jordan Fisher added six as the Crescents ran their record

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Lili -- Hancock County gets hammered

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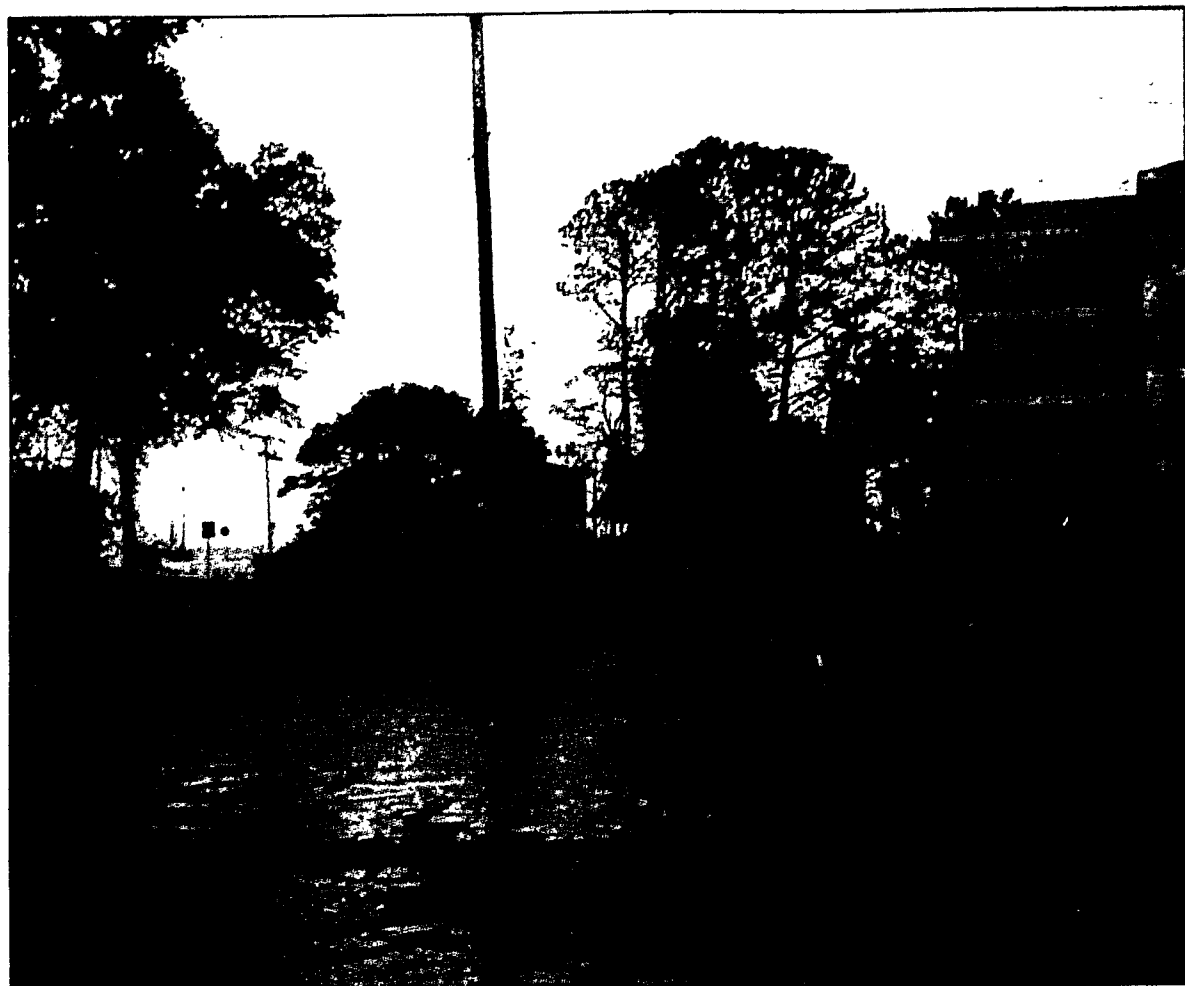
The center also reported a tornado at 10:40 a.m. Thursday with a possible touch down around Road 302 in Kiln. Another tornado was reported touching down around Highway 53 toward Pearl River at 11:15 a.m.

The Civil Defense Office issued a mandatory evacuation of low lying areas in the county including Shoreline Park, Garden Isle, Herron Bay, Harbor Estates, Pearlinton, Bell Isle, Clermont Harbor, Lakeshore, Jordan River Shores and Joe's Bayou Blue Meadow Road.

In Pass Christian, Fire Chief Richard Marvil, who also serves as the city's Civil Defense director, reported no major damage after Lili.

"The streets that flooded during Isidore flooded again," Marvil said. "(We mostly dealt with) compound damage from before."

Marvil said the Bay View area received some flooding. Also, he said there were possible floodings of houses on Fleitas Avenue, Morton and Greyson.



Hurricane Lili made the Mississippi Sound again cross Beach Blvd. and flood Coleman and Arlington streets in Waveland.

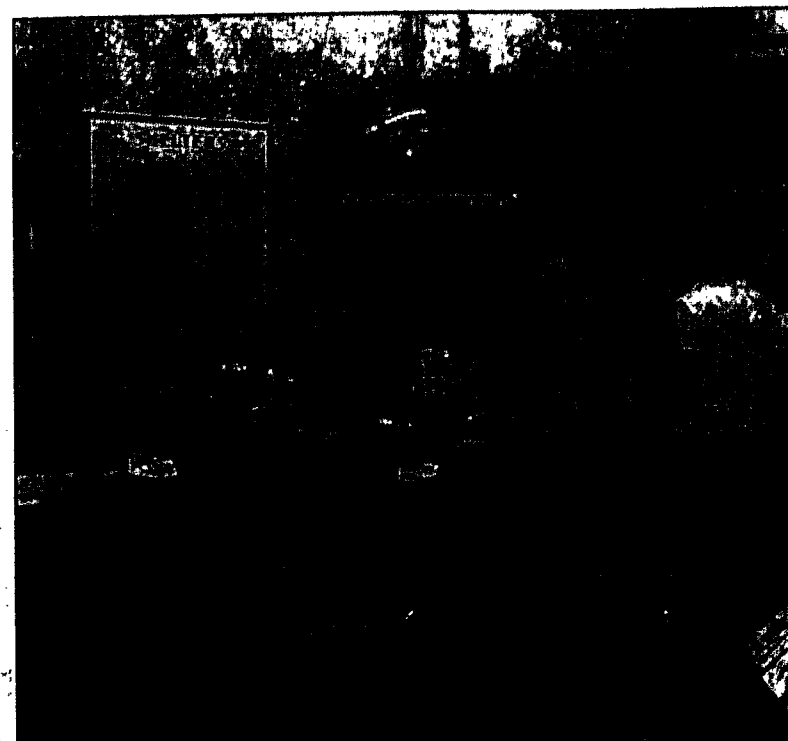


The Cedar Point area of Bay St. Louis goes under water Thursday.



Trying to cross the street before the water gets any deeper

Echo staff photo by Randy Ponder



Workers at Hancock County Civil Defense spent their time answering phone calls from concerned citizens, watching the weather and dealing with weather related issues during Hurricane Lili. Director Lynette Carbon said there were about eight to 10 people working around the clock during the storm.

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Boil-water at Jourdan Shores

Total Environmental Solution Inc. issued a (Boil Water) Notice for people who live in the Jourdan River Shores area in Hancock County.

The system lost pressure due to the recent storm, and residents are advised to please continue to boil their water until further notice.

Steve Jones, spokesperson for the water system, said this precautionary action is necessary because the system lost pressure.

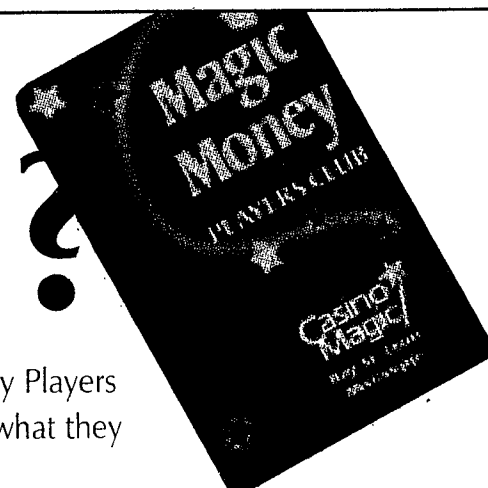
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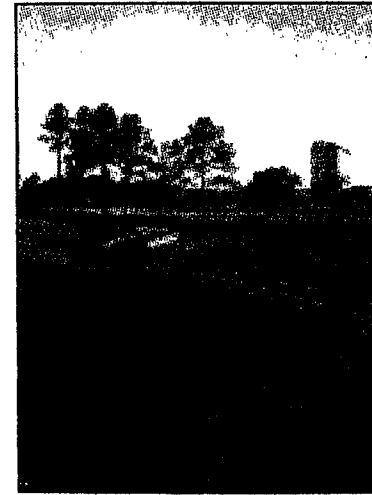
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In the Eye of the Hurricane

Inside Lili
with the
Hurricane
HuntersBY BENNIE
SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

After spending the week-end recovering from Isidore, the last thing we all wanted to see was another storm, Hurricane Lili, heading straight for us. Lili was gearing up to be a monster storm so my husband Michael began to move more precious belongings out of our house.

The week started out slow at the Echo, with most events put on hold, except for storm related issues. On Tuesday afternoon, our editor called us over with excitement in his eyes.

"Who wants to go with the Hurricane Hunters," he said.

Both myself and fellow reporter Shannon Jenkins looked at each other and no one said anything for a moment.

"There is another catch to it," said our publisher Randy Ponder. "After the flight they will be dropping you off in Miami and you have to find your own way back. It will be an adventure."

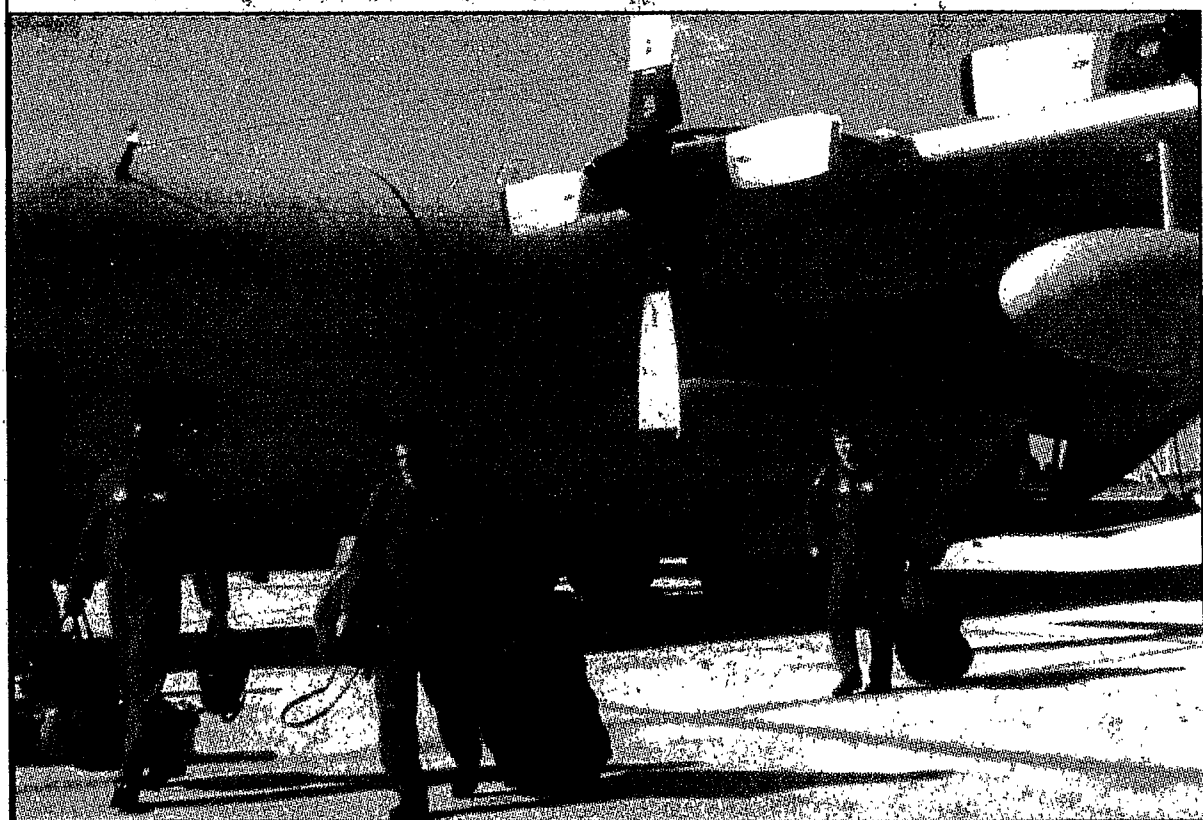
I thought about it for about a minute and got on the phone to call Michael. I decided that if he didn't threaten to divorce me, I would go. Shannon said that was fine with him because the trip was not something he aspired to do. Michael was more excited than me and only sorry he could not go along.

After that it was a whirlwind of activity, arranging a flight back and accommodations in Florida. Luckily I had a brother-in-law in Boca Raton and he agreed to pick me up at the Air Force base in Homestead. Everyone was excited and I went home to get ready. I had to meet the hurricane plane at 2 a.m. at Keesler Air Force Base. I was riding high with excitement.

Then reality set in. What had I agreed to do? Was I adventurous or just plain crazy? Certain death seemed imminent. Who would take care of my dog



Hurricane Hunter Pilot Capt. Rob Light surveys the storm. Light flew the plane through Hurricane Lili for almost 12 hours straight Wednesday, a typical mission for the squadron.



Hurricane Hunter Copilot Maj. Darryl Woods, left, Tech. Sgt. Jim Varhegyi, center, and Dropsonde Operator MSgt. Deano Harrison, right, debark from the C-130 aircraft after Wednesday's mission through Hurricane Lili.

(also named appropriately, Lily). I had clothes I hadn't even had time to wear yet. Michael gave me a beer

and told me to relax. The hurricane plane is probably the safest place to be in a hurricane, he said. And

indeed he was right. The 403rd Wing, of which the 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron

"Hurricane Hunters" is a component, has an excellent safety record with 24 years and 90,000 flying hours without a serious mishap.

The Hurricane Hunters began in 1944 as the 30th Weather Reconnaissance Squadron as the result of a barroom dare. Two Army Air Corp pilots challenged each other to fly through a tropical storm. Maj. Joe Duckworth flew a propeller-driven, single engine North American AT-6 "Texan" into the eye of a storm twice in one day and the Hurricane Hunters were born. The 53rd has made its home at Keesler since 1973.

After a flight briefing at Keesler where the crew told stories of running into seagulls and losing engines, (it was obvious that they enjoyed the idea of putting a little fright into the flight for me, the only civilian in the group), we loaded our gear and took off about 4 a.m. I took only one dress rolled up in my camera bag to save space but as I soon

learned, I could have brought all the gear I wanted. Some of the crew even brought their golf bags.

On this flight were six crew members, pilot Capt. Rob Light, co-pilot Maj. Darryl Woods, flight engineer Tech. Sgt. Jim Lachute, navigator Maj. Malcolm Shannon, weather officer Lt. Col. Eric Dutton, and dropsonde operator MSgt. Deano Harrison. Also along were public affairs officer Tim Smith, and Airman Magazine reporters Capt. Kimberly Tebrugge and Tech. Sgt. Jim Varhegyi. None of them seemed all that excited about having civilian media aboard, but we all did the best we could.

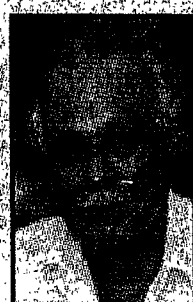
I found out quickly that the C-130 we were to fly on was not the slick new model that I had seen at the hurricane fairs at Stennis International Airport. This plane was built in 1964 and resembled a large tin can inside. The crew assured me

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There is much to contemplate 'After the Water Goes Down'

It seems that things have settled down and the bad taste that was Isidore and Lily, if not easily forgotten, has at least been swallowed and people are moving on to other things.

The night before Isidore, my son Mike dropped in for an unexpected visit. He had been in training at Fort Polk in Louisiana and, on his way to his home in Laurel, Maryland, dog-legged over to see us. He stayed to have his first experience with a Gulf storm, to help with the cleanup (for this I was very

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happy) and to step on a nail. We soaked the foot in Epsom Salts, bandaged it, applied antibiotics and when he left Sunday he seemed fine. However, I was worried when I found out he had gone swimming in the Sound two days later. The flooding had overtaxed our sewage system and the raw sewage in

the Sound from it posed to me a serious health problem. However, as I said when he left the Sunday after Isidore, he was fine. It is something to think about though. How quickly does the Sound clean itself out from dangerous bacteria from overflowing sewage that inevitably occurs during flooding such

as we had from Isidore? Is it days, weeks, or does it even do a good job of flushing itself clean?

It turns out that the Mississippi Sound is a very active estuary and events such as Isidore are quickly flushed through the Barrier Island passes into the Gulf of Mexico. Indications are that the waters of the entire Sound should be completely flushed clean in about a week to ten days. Coastal areas may clean themselves quicker than that.

I watched a graphic presentation of this process in March 1997, when the Corps of Engineers, con-

cerned by the rising waters of the Mississippi River at New Orleans, decided to open the Bonnet Carre Spillway located a few miles above the city.

Opening the spillway gates took several days and crowds gathered to watch the water pour from the river to the lake. They even had it on television. Opening the gates was extremely controversial. However, whether you were for or against opening the gates, the opening was very impressive.

To us on the Coast, the noisy hullabaloo seemed to be just more of the strange nonsense that takes place

periodically in our neighboring state. It was of interest to us only in a very remote abstract sense on a par with their trying to open a gambling casino or their trying to convict their governor of wrong doing. To us, it was fun to read in the newspaper at breakfast or watch on television at night.

At the time, I was part of a group studying the "red tide," a poisonous algae bloom that had occurred for the first time the year before in the Mississippi Sound. This had been disastrous to our oyster indus-

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Photo by Bob Hubbard
Cary Trapani, president of the Bay St. Louis Rotary Club, with Jessica Underwood of Waveland. Jessica is the daughter of Bobby and Darlene Underwood. She was the featured speaker for a recent Rotary Club meeting.

Rotary visits Europe

THE SEA COAST ECHO

Featured speaker at the August 18 Bay St. Louis Rotary Club meeting was Jessica Underwood. A senior at Bay High School, Underwood, toured Europe this summer as part of a delegation of high school students from south Louisiana and south Mississippi.

The tour, sponsored by People to People International, included visits to England, France, Belgium, Holland, Germany and Switzerland.

The three-week tour included a home stay in England with a family. "We are spoiled in America,"

Jessica told the Rotary Club. "Five star hotels don't usually have air conditioning and the food is really different."

Underwood plans to travel to Australia and New Zealand next summer with the same group. Anyone interested in learning about the upcoming tour may contact Darlene Underwood at 467-2242.

President Eisenhower started People to People in 1956. Originally sponsored by the U.S. State Department, Mary Eisenhower, his granddaughter, now heads the non-profit educational organization.

Stock Car 101 seminar at the Isle of Capri-Biloxi

THE SEA COAST ECHO

Join racing legends Bobby and Donnie Allison as they host Stock Car 101 on Thursday, Oct. 10 at 7 p.m. in the Flamingo Bay Ballroom of the Isle of Capri Casino Resort in Biloxi.

The seminar will cover topics such as levels of racing, safety, pit crew responsibilities, racing strategies, tracks and driver and many more.

Bobby Allison ranks third all-time with 84 Winston Cup victories. A three-time winner of the Daytona 500 and the 1983 Winston Cup Series Champion, Bobby was named one of NASCAR's 50 Greatest Drivers in 1998.

In addition to driving, Bobby has served as team owner and consultant and continues to serve as an ambassador for the sport of stock car racing.

He was recently named by The Sporting News as one of the 50 Greatest Stock Car Drivers of All Time.

Donnie Allison has done just about everything possible when it comes to racing. In addition to his 10 Winston Cup Wins in 239 starts, Donnie also amassed 78 Top 5 and 115 Top 10 finishes. In 1970 he finished 4th in the Indianapolis 500

and won the World 600 in Charlotte the same weekend.

In addition to driving, Donnie has also been Crew Chief for his son-in-law, Hut Strickland, and Joe Nemecheck's Racing Teams. Donnie remains active in racing serving as a consultant to new racing teams and involved in his sons' car building business, Allison Legacy Race Car and Series.

He was also named by The Sporting News as one of the 50 Greatest Stock Car Drivers of All Time.

"Bobby and I are excited about being in town during Cruisin' the Coast week, said Donnie Allison. We have devoted our professional lives to working with cars and trying to get the most out of them, so the chance to meet and talk with people who are very passionate about their car is a lot of fun for us."

Tickets are available in the Banana Cabana Gift shop for \$20. For further information, call 436-4753 or 1-800-843-4753.

The Isle of Capri Casino Resort in Biloxi, the South's first casino, opened its doors in Biloxi Aug. 1, 1992.

The resort is owned and operated by Isle of Capri Casinos, Inc.

Pass Holy Spirit Retreat set for men and women

Fr. Benedict Groeschel, CYR, a priest-psychologist, author and popular preacher from New York City, will be the featured speaker at the Holy Spirit Retreat Oct. 11-13 at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly in Pass Christian.

Also speaking at the retreat will be Aggie Neck, chairman of the National Service Committee for the Catholic Charismatic Renewal, together with Al and Patti Mansfield and a team from the Catholic Charismatic Renewal of New Orleans.

The retreat theme is "A Future Full of Hope" (cf. Jeremiah 29:11).

This retreat is open to everyone and will include special sessions for young adults and prayer group leaders.

Cost is \$120 per person which covers registration, meals and accommodations. For more information, contact the Catholic Charismatic Renewal of New Orleans Office, phone (504) 828-1368; fax (504) 828-2133; e-mail: info@ccrno.org.

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Friday: Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Toast, Juice

LUNCH

Monday: Macaroni and Cheese with Ham Chunks, BBQ Pork Burger, Black-eyed Peas, Buttered Corn, Frozen Fruit Juice, Fresh Apple, Yeast Roll, Devil's Food Delight

Tuesday: Southern Fried chicken, Cheeseburger, Broccoli and Rice Casserole, Buttered Carrots, Peach Slices, Fresh Fruit Bowl, Yeast Roll

Wednesday: Chicken

Pot Pie, Corn Dog, Turnip Greens, Spicy Fries, Fruit Cocktail, Pineapple Tidbits, Yeast Roll, Jello with Topping

Thursday: Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Chili Dog, Buttered Corn, Garden Salad with Dressing, Mandarin Fruit Cup, Fresh Orange Smiles, Chocolate Pudding, Yeast Roll

Friday: Chicken Nuggets, Tuna Salad with Lettuce and Tomatoes, Creamed Potatoes, Green Peas, Frozen Fruit Juice, Fresh Fruit Bowl, Chocolate Chip Cookies, Yeast Roll

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Wednesday: Beef-A-Roni, Ham and Cheese Pobo, Seasoned Fries, Seasoned Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Fruit Cocktail, Fruit Juice, Garlic Bread, Crackers, Jello

Thursday: Southern Fried Chicken, Corn Dog Nuggets, Creamed Potatoes, Whole Kernel Corn, Tossed Salad, Tropical Apple, Fruit Juice, Yeast Rolls, Crackers, Fruit Crisp

Friday: Chicken Spaghetti, Pizza, French Fries, Baby Carrot Sticks with Dip, Broccoli Salad, Peaches, Fruit Juice, Yeast Rolls, Ice Cream

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LUNCH
Monday: Red Beans and Rice with Sausage, Rib

Patty Sub, Pizza, Baked Tater Tots, Southern Greens, Tossed Salad, Peaches, Fruit Juice, Cornbread, Chocolate Pudding

Tuesday: Fried Fish, Cheeseburger, Chef Salad, Au Gratin Potatoes, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Sliced Oranges, Fruit Juice, Hushpuppies, Crackers, Cake with Frosting

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Friday: Chicken Spaghetti, Pizza, Deli Turkey Pobo, French Fries, Baby Carrot Sticks with Dip, Broccoli Salad, Peaches, Fruit Juice, Yeast Rolls, Ice Cream

All menus subject to change.

UM Artist Series offers full spectrum of entertainment

A full spectrum of premium entertainment describes the 2002-03 University of Mississippi Artist Series, from exquisite music to elegant dance and provocative theater for all ages.

The five-show series began Sept. 29 when the Mississippi Symphony Orchestra took the stage in Fulton Chapel in the company of world-renowned bass soloist Edgar Meyer, critically acclaimed as "the best bassist alive."

Grammy Award-winning Meyer, a vibrant performer and innovative composer in classical to bluegrass, joined the highly acclaimed Jackson-based orchestra in a performance under the direction of Crafton Beck.

The series continues with another double feature Nov. 15, when internationally praised a cappella men's ensemble Chanticleer performs the first major event in UM's new 1,200-seat Gertrude C. Ford Center for Performing Arts. The 12-member "orchestra of voices" presents "Our American Journey" at 8 p.m.

"Beginning with Chanticleer, the center's state-of-the-art staging and lighting capabilities and magnificent acoustics will properly showcase all subsequent Artist Series performances," Riggs said. "Moreover, the luxury and elegance of the new auditorium will provide an entirely new level of comfort and enjoyment."

Continuing the series is The Parsons Dance Company on Jan. 22. The New York-based group of 10 full-time, modern dancers performs from its repertoire of more than 60 works by the world-famous David Parsons, beginning at 8 p.m.

On Feb. 16, the series presents "Crazy for You: The New Gershwin Musical." Winner of nine Tony Awards, including Best Musical and Best Choreography, "Crazy for You" is a comedy based on George and Ira Gershwin's 1930's "Girl Crazy" and is packed with unforgettable songs, dancing and showmanship. The show begins at 2 p.m. Winding up the season March 4 at 8 p.m., The Acting Company performs an original adaptation of Pulitzer Prize-winner Studs Terkel's "American Dreams: Lost and Found." Season and single-event tickets are on sale through the UM Central Ticket Office, 662-915-7411. The Artist Series Patron Program offers additional opportunities to meet performers and other patrons in receptions and master classes, and provides recognition of their contributions in event programs.

For tickets or more information about becoming a patron, call the Central Ticket Office. Regular ticket prices are (season/single): adult \$50/\$15 season; child \$25/\$7.50 season; and UM students \$12/\$4. For assistance related to a disability, call 662-915-7268.

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Weddings and Engagements

Bozant-Minchew

Keri Ann Minchew of Monroe, La., and Ryan Joseph Bozant, also of Monroe, were united in marriage August 3, 2002 in an evening ceremony in St. Paul Catholic Church in Pass Christian.

Father Dennis Carver officiated. Soloist was Diedre Akers of Monroe, and organist was Alana Rutledge of Waveland.

The bride is the daughter of Danny and Sharon Minchew of Kiln. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Breazeale of Kiln and Louise Minchew of Conroe, Texas and Frank Minchew of Humble, Texas.

The groom's parents are Robert Bozant of Slidell and Georgette Dourse of Bay St. Louis. His grandparents include Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel Bozant of Mereaux, La., Mrs. Cleo Watson of Diamondhead and the late Joseph Watson.

The bride was given in marriage by her parents.

For the occasion she selected an original gown of white bridal satin. The fitted, strapless bodice was covered with

pearls, beading and sequins appliqués. The A-line skirt flowed into a cathedral-length train. Her veil, of cathedral-length illusion, was worn with a pearl and rhinestone tiara. She carried a bouquet of white calla lilies and roses entwined with her mother's antique rosary.

Matron of honor was Angel Peddare of Pearlinton, and maid of honor was Lauren Kaiser of Mobile, Ala.

Bridesmaids included Michelle Bozant of Slidell and Lauren Savage and Jessica Schwartz, both of Hattiesburg.

Junior bride was Kimberly Breazeale of Kiln.

Flower girl was Syrrah Backus of Spring Lake, N.C.

The attendants each wore an identical strapless gowns of navy satin and carried a bouquet of long-stemmed calla lilies.

Best man was Remy Bozant of Bay St. Louis, and groomsmen included Robert Bozant of Slidell, Kristian Minchew of Bend, Ore., and



Mr. and Mrs. Ryan Bozant

Ricardo McKenzie of Jackson, Miss.

Junior groom was Jeremy Minchew of Crockett, Texas, and ring bearer was Kyle Johnson of Kiln.

Ushers included Bradley Breazeale and Dustin Johnson, both of Kiln, and lecturers were Heather Backus of Spring Lake, N.C., Catherine McKenzie of Jackson, and

Teresa Minchew of Crockett, Texas.

After the ceremony, the entire wedding party rode a private trolley to the reception at the Palace in the Pass.

A rehearsal dinner was hosted by the groom's parents at Rooster's Restaurant in the Kiln.

Yarbrough-Kaplan

Mr. and Mrs. George E. Yarbrough of Waveland announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Karen Wilkinson Yarbrough, to Joseph Eddishaw Kaplan, son of Patricia Eddishaw of Slidell and Jules Kaplan of Chicago, Ill. and Mr. and Mrs. John Beicher of Slidell.

The bride-elect attended The Indian Springs School in Birmingham, Ala. and Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, Ill., where she earned a bachelor of arts degree in sociology and anthropology. She also received a master's in social service administration from the University of Chicago.

She is employed as a policy associate with the Ounce of Prevention Fund in Chicago.

The prospective groom is a Slidell Northshore High School graduate where he was selected to the Class of 1988 Hall of Fame.

He received a bachelor of science degree in physics from Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill., where he was a member of the Physics Honor Society, Sigma Pi Sigma.

He is employed with Accenture Consulting in Chicago.

A late October wedding is planned in Biloxi.

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Davis-Hoda

Shelia Hoda of Kiln and Tim Davis of Gautier, were united in marriage September 14, 2002 at 6 p.m. in Standard at the home of Deron Cuevas. Judge Ricky Adam officiated.

The bride is the daughter of the late Bettye Page of Kiln, and John Thornburg of Gulfport.

The groom is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Homer Davis of Rome, Ga.

The bride was given in marriage by her two sons, Kurt Ladner and Michael Hoda.

The bride was attended by maid of honor Erma Archer of Kiln. Bridesmaids were the daughters of the groom, Dawn Ladner of Gautier and Tori Davis of Rome, Ga.

Best man was Jim Blodgett of Gulfport. Standing as groomsmen were the bride's two sons, Kurt and Michael.

A reception was hosted by friends of the bride and groom, Deron Cuevas and



Mr. and Mrs. Tim Davis

Erma Archer at the home of Deron Cuevas.

Music was provided by Michael Hoda, Tori Davis

and Rocky Flowers.

After a wedding trip, the couple will reside in the Standard community.

Ladner-Favre

Rhonda Broussard of Kiln and Darrell Ladner of Nacaise Crossing announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Karen Ladner, to Jonathan Favre, son of Terri and Eddie Favre of Bay St. Louis.

The bride-elect is a 1989 Hancock North Central graduate. She is employed with Hancock Medical Center.

The prospective groom is a 1996 graduate of Bay High School and will graduate this year from Pearl River Community College.

He is employed with Hancock Medical Center.

A fall wedding is planned in Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis.



Karen Ladner and Jonathan Favre

Johnson-Fillingame

Dale and Susan Veron of Walker, La., announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Ashley Page Johnson, to Jesse Fillingame of Denham Springs, La.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Jack and Louella Spinks of Denham Springs, Louis Veron of Lake Charles, La., and Wynelle Veron of Walker, La.

She is a 2000 graduate of Walker High School and attended Southeastern Louisiana University.

She is employed with Styles Ltd. in Denham Springs.

The prospective groom is the son of Drew and Sherry Fillingame of Denham Springs and the grandson of Harlan Dean of Pearlinton and Patricia Dean Vallee of Westwego, La. and Jim and Ethel Mae Fillingame of Bay St. Louis.



Ashley Johnson and Jesse Fillingame

He is a 1999 graduate of Bay High School and will graduate from Southeastern Louisiana University in 2003.

He is employed with First

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The marriage will take place Dec. 14, 2002, at 10:30 a.m. at The Oak Lodge in Baton Rouge, La.

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try, and we were trying to find out if it would repeat itself in '97. Whereas the events in Louisiana were amusing, the effects of the red tide on our seafood industry was not. Many of us were involved in trying to find out why we were suddenly being hit by this plague and to see if we could find a way to warn us in time if it happened again.

My work involved studying satellite imagery for signs of red tide reoccurrence. To expand this to look at the fresh water algae bloom in the lake, I enlarged the area of my imagery to include Lake Pontchartrain. I was pleasantly surprised to find that the river water flowing over the spillway into the lake was easily seen in the imagery. It seems muddy water, at least Mississippi River muddy water, is highly reflective. Each afternoon I would look at the day's imagery and watch the water's progress through the lake.

Lake Pontchartrain has two natural exits, Chef Menteur and the Rigolets, both of which empty into Lake Borgne. By April 6, I noted that as expected, the river water was flowing through these exits and emptying into Lake Borgne. In the days that followed, I looked for the river water to turn east, hug the Louisiana marsh and then turn south into Chandeleur Sound.

It didn't happen that way.

The river water did turn east, but once started to the east, it kept on going! It flowed past Bayou Caddy, past my house in Waveland, past the Bay of St. Louis, past Gulfport, and even reached as far as Biloxi. There, it finally turned south and began flowing out of the Sound through the Barrier Islands passes, particularly Ship and Horn.

What we, in our naiveté, considered a Louisiana problem was ours as well. After about 3 trillion gallons had flowed over the spillway, the Corps closed the gates. Within three weeks, the satellite imagery indicated that the last remnants of muddy water had passed through the Lakes, the Mississippi Sound and out the barrier islands passes. Lake Pontchartrain quickly returned to the pre-deluge clarity and the waters in the Mississippi Sound (including the waters in front of my house) returned to their normal dark tea coloration. Like any good estuary, the Sound had shown its inherently healthy nature and flushed the material out through the Barrier Island passes.

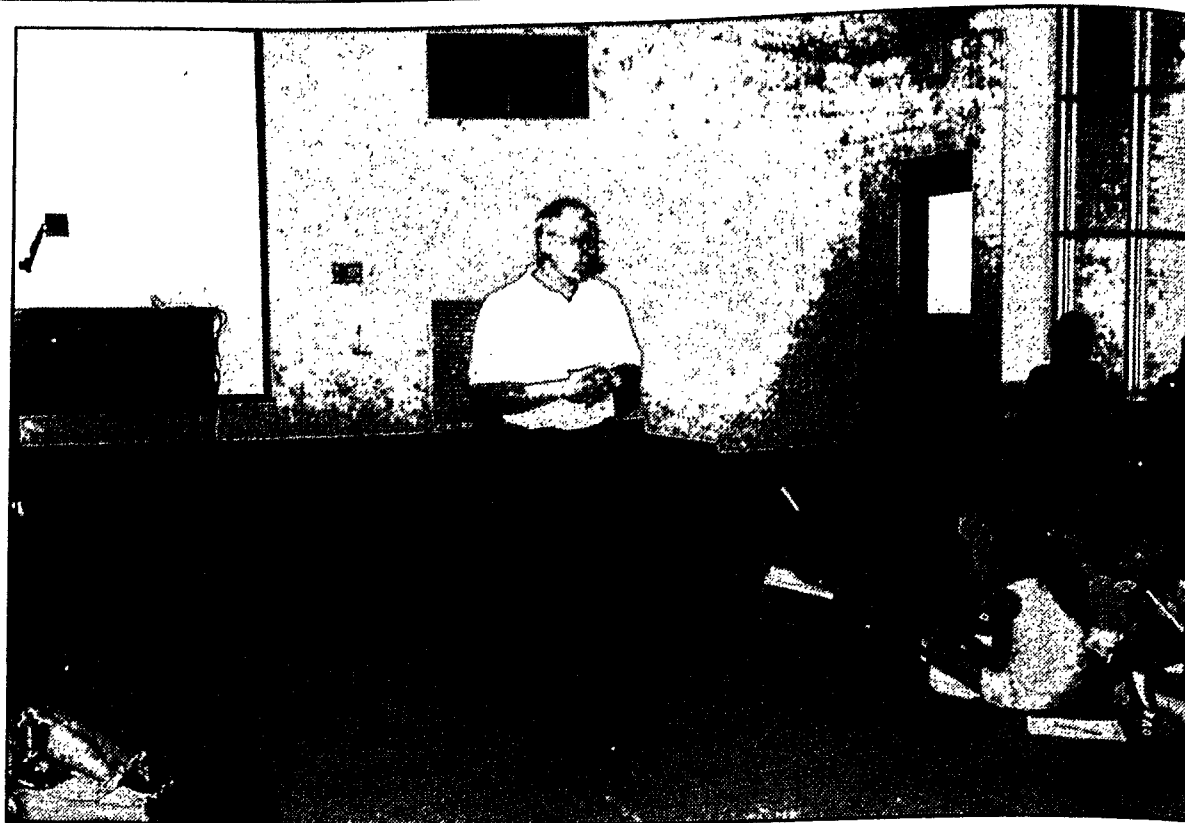
But something else also happened. It was a small event unassociated with the flood of Mississippi River water. During the last days of the open spillway, a fire broke out in one of New Orleans' sanitation facilities and an immense quantity of

raw sewage poured into Lake Pontchartrain, mixing with the passing muddy river water.

We quickly began looking for some indication of this sewage in the imagery, but its signal was too small and was lost in the Mississippi River water reflectance. But we knew it was there and it was just a matter of time before it went through Chef Menteur and the Rigolets, turned east, entered the Mississippi Sound and flowed by the beach in front of my house and introduced into the Bay of St. Louis.

As evidenced by its ability to flush out the muddy waters of the Mississippi River, it appears that we have a healthy, vigorous estuarine system. This is good. But it takes time to flush itself out. What we must remember is that as with many things in nature we have a tightly interwoven system, with no single element isolated from the others. The history of what happened several years ago indicates that any spill of toxic material in far-off Lake Pontchartrain can affect us here on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Although it is true that the toxin may eventually be flushed out into the Gulf of Mexico, it can, in the time before that flushing is completed, drastically harm our local health or ecology.

We have to be watchful and very careful.



Cartoonist visits Gulfview

Award-winning children's book author, illustrator, and television cartoonist Mike Artell recently visited Gulfview Elementary in Lakeshore to share his writing/drawing techniques and books with the 3rd and 4th grade students. Artell showed students how to draw animals, such as a caterpillar, bee, and sheep, as well as humorous cartoon-type drawings. Students were also treated to information about children's literature and learning about fun and exciting websites dealing with insects. This visit, made possible through the Hancock County School District's School-to-Careers grant, encouraged children to investigate their artistic abilities and provided a taste of careers in drawing, young authorship, illustration, and cartooning.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly in Waveland

TOPS 233
WAVELAND

TOPS 233 Waveland met on Tuesday, Oct. 1 at the Waveland Methodist Church, corner of Vacation Lane and Central Ave. Club members had a net loss of 14 pounds.

The gift was won by

Debbie, and the Incentive was won by Shirley. Two new members, Chris and Sharon, were welcomed.

The program was presented by Wenda on 'Tips on Weight Control.'

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St. Stanislaus holds Leadership and Honors Convocation

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St. Stanislaus College held its annual Fall Leadership and Honors Convocation on Sunday, September 8 in the St. Stanislaus Resource Center, according to Brother Ronald Hingle, SC, principal.

Susan Estrade, assistant principal for supervision and activities, said the purpose of the convocation was "to recognize and honor the large number of young men who have combined their God-given leadership and academic gifts with hard work and dedication."

She also commended those students who had been elected to serve their school and peers as organizational officers.

Brother Ronald Hingle joined various extra-curricular moderators in presenting certificates of recognition to the leaders of their organizations.

Tom Ackerman, moderator of the school newspaper, the Rock-A-Chaw, presented certificates of recognition to the newspaper staff: Kunal Patel, editor-in-chief;

Adair Beany, assistant editor; Tyler Gallagher, cartoonist; Mason Gordon, photographer; Brett Hode, formatting editor; Jake Johnson, sports editor; and James Fulford, editorial editor.

Cynthia Clark and Brock Rock, Key Club moderators, presented certificates of recognition to the club's officers: Chris France and Allen Leoné, co-presidents;

Phillip OH, vice president; Jesse Brown, recording secretary; Uchenna Aduba, corresponding secretary; Michael Iskandar, chaplain, and Mario Nievas, financial advisor.

Stan Dellenger, moderator of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, presented certificates of recognition to the club's officers: Frederick Mallini, president; Jeremy Kellar, vice president; Jeremy Burke, secretary; and Spencer Zeigler, treasurer.

Hollie McCollister and Matthew McKiernan, moderators of the Student Council, presented certificates of recognition to the officers elected by the student body:

Uchenna Aduba, president; Frederick Mallini, vice

president; Beau Brodtmann, corresponding secretary; Jeremy Burke, recording secretary; and Christian Walter, treasurer.

Edward Duhon, campus minister and moderator of the Student Ministry Team, presented certificates of recognition to its members: Uchenna Aduba, Marc Belizaire

David Bradley, Jesse Brown, Jeremy Burke, Joey Cerone, Stefan Clayton, Dave Florek, Chris France, Chris Griffith, Vince Hoda, Ryan Hoover, Michael Iskandar, Jeremy Keller, Craig Kleinpeter

Allen Leone, Frederick Mallini, Craig Maxson, Zach Mellen, Mario Nievas, Josh Schultz, Danny Surbeck, Trey Treutel, and Andrew Walsh.

Pat Harris, moderator of the Brother Louis Joseph Richard Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society, presented certificates to the new inductees:

Keith Bartholomew, Sean Bentz, Alexandre Boudreaux, Reilly Bourgeois, Ryan Boutet, Granston Boxx, Sean Bradford, Dayne Coscia

Joshua Crowe, Joseph Cure, Taylor Feigel, Brennan Gordon, David Grapusa, Joseph Gregory, John Hadden, James Headley, Christopher Heath, Ryan Hoda, Brian Jackson, Hayden Kren, Roger LaCoste, Bradley Lingsch

John Lumpkin, Caleb McQueen, Michael Morell, Bryce Morreale, Henri Pellerin, Andre Romain, Clark Seal, James Surgi, Clayton Tate, Andrew Taylor, Matthew Theologos, Christopher Tran, and Matthew Vollenweider.

Current members of the National Junior Honor Society were acknowledged. They are Andrew Chevis, William Currie, Kevin Duvielh, Drew Giveans, Garret Gros, Miles Hester, Ross Hotard, Kyle Hughes, Ryan Jones, Stephen Keel, Ross Landgrave, James Langdon

Jeffrey Larsen, Owen McNally, Matthew Pierce, Matthew Planchard, Ben Rader, Brad Reinhart, Christopher Rogers, Ryan Stechman, Thomas Wallace, and Brian Whitman.

Dr. Custy Fernandes, moderator of the Brother

Peter Basso Chapter of the National Honor Society, presented certificates to the new inductees:

Brad Bissonnette, Kody Cannon, Michael Cure, Chris Currie, Mario Faranda, Joseph Fowler, Robert Goggins, Heath Hansell, Troy Johnston, Lee Klein, Austin Ladner

Jason Nicosia, Michael Roy, Bruce Rushing, Ramsey Shawa, Stefan Sofianos, Brennan Thomas, and Corey Vollenweider.

Current members of the National Honor Society were acknowledged.

They are Uchenna Aduba, Robert Bass, Adair Beany, Ben Benvenuti, Will Boxx, David Bradley, Beau Brodtmann, Jesse Brown, Paul Burnett, John Chapoton, Peter Doty, Michael Enloe, Todd Farrar, Tyler Gallagher

Luca Giardino, Chris Griffith, Scott Hillanbrand, Eric Huckabee, T.J. Koger, Josh Lingsch, Frederick Mallini, David May, Zach Mellan, Will Mestayer, Peter Murphy, Phillip OH, Kunal Patel

Stephen Schroll, Nathan Sison, Daniel Surbeck, Trey Treutel, Andrew Waterman, Louis West, and Collin Wilson.

Brother Ronald Talbot, president; Brother Ronald Hingle, principal; and Jordan Roy, academic assistant principal presented Honor Roll certificates in various categories.

Students who earned Alpha Honor Roll for the second semester of the 2001-2002 school year are eighth graders Joseph Cure, Taylor Feigel, Ryan Hoda, and Caleb McQueen; Sophomores Ramsy Shawa and Robert Watson; and Juniors Marc Belizaire

David Bradley, Stephen Carville, Eric Huckabee, Michael Iskandar, Will Mestayer, Christopher Williams, and Colin Wilson.

Students who earned Alpha Honor Roll for the entire 2001-2002 school year are eighth graders Keith Bartholomew, Sean Bentz, Alexandre Boudreaux

Reilly Bourgeois, Dayne Coscia, David Grapusa, Joseph Gregory, James Headley, Brian Jackson, Hayden Kren, Roger Lacoste, Bradley Lingsch,

Henri Pellerin, Andre Romain, Clark Seal, and Matthew Theologos; freshmen Kevin Duvielh, Miles Hester

Stephen Keel, Ross Landgrave, Matthew Planchard, Ryan Stechmann, Clayton Tate, Christopher Tran, and Brian Whitman; Sophomores Kody Cannon, Michael Cure, Robert Goggins, Troy Johnston, Lee Klein

Michael Roy, Bruce Rushing, and Stefan Sofianos; juniors Robert Bass, David Bradley, John Chapoton, Mario Faranda, Luca Giardino, Mason Hester, T.J. Koger, and Corey Vollenweider; and seniors Uchenna Aduba

Will Boxx, Jesse Brown, Paul Burnett, Peter Doty, Nathan Franco, Chris Griffith, Chad Ladner, Frederick Mallini, Jason Nicosia, Phillip OH, Kunal Patel, Junior Salumu-Shabani, Stephen Schroll, Danny Surbeck, and Louis West.

Students who earned President's Honor Roll for the second semester of the 2001-2002 school year are eighth graders Dayne Coscia, Brian Jackson, and Hayden Kren; freshmen James Surgi and Clayton

Tate; juniors Mario Faranda, Josh Robinson, and Corey Vollenweider; and Senior Jesse Brown.

Students who earned President's Honor Roll for the entire 2001-2002 academic school year are seventh grader Harrison Hodges; eighth graders Ryan Boutet, Sean Bradford, Josh Crowe

Christopher Heath, Michael Morell, Bryce Morreale, Andrew Taylor, and Matthew Vollenweider; freshmen Garrett Gros, Jeffrey Larsen, and Brad Reinhart; sophomores Heath Hansell and Austin Ladner; juniors Beau Brodtmann, Michael Enloe, and Andrew Waterman; and senior Nathan Sison.

Students who have maintained Alpha Honor Roll status for one, two or three years, were awarded academic letters.

The following students received academic letters for maintaining Alpha Honor Roll Status for one year are sophomores Kody Cannon, Michael Cure, Robert Goggins, Heath Hansell, Troy Johnston

Lee Klein, Austin Ladner, Michael Roy, Bruce Rushing, and Stefan Sofianos; juniors John Chapoton, Mario Faranda

Kevin Gallagher, Luca Giardino, and Mason Hester; and seniors Will Boxx, Nathan Franco, Jason Nicosia, Stephen Schroll, Junior Salumu-Shabani, Danny Surbeck, and Louis West.

The following students received academic letters for maintaining Alpha Honor Roll Status for two years are juniors Robert Bass, David Bradley, Beau Brodtmann, Michael Enloe, T.J. Koger

Corey Vollenweider, Andrew Waterman, and Colin Wilson; and Seniors Uchenna Aduba, Jesse Brown, Peter Doty, Chad Ladner, Peter Murphy, and Phillip OH.

The following students received academic letters for maintaining Alpha Honor Roll Status for three years are seniors Paul Burnett, Christopher Griffith, Scott Hillanbrand, Frederick Mallini, Kunal Patel, and Nathan Sison.

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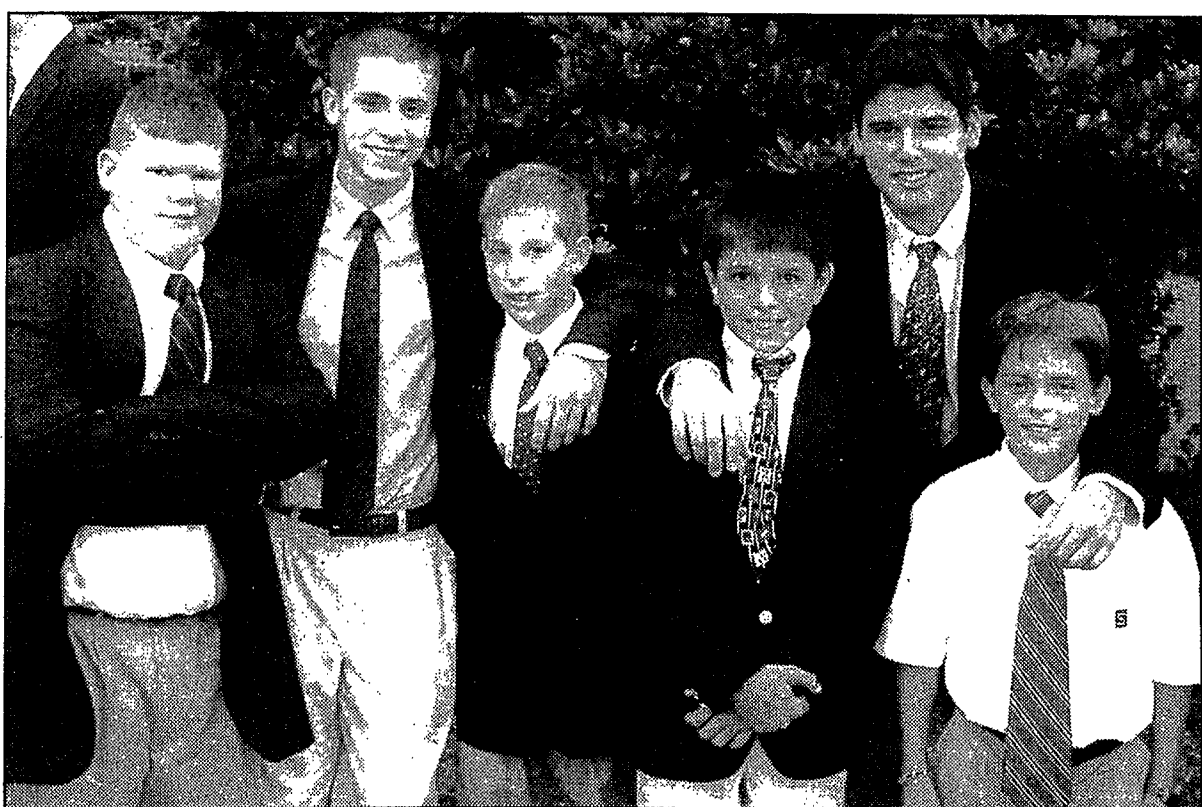
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Seventh grader C. J. Holzer, left, senior Jason Nicosia, seventh grader Kory White, seventh Grader Dillon Kenny, senior Mario Nievas, and seventh grader Gerardo Aguirre Arizpe.

SSC Big Brother/ Little Brother program

St. Stanislaus College held its Big Brother/Little Brother inaugural service on Sept. 17 at our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church with a reception following in the James Smith Student Mall, according to Brother Ronald Hingle, SC, principal.

The Big Brother/Little

Brother Program is described by Brother Ronald Hingle, SC, principal, "as a process of establishing a relationship between two SSC students, namely a senior and a sixth or seventh grader."

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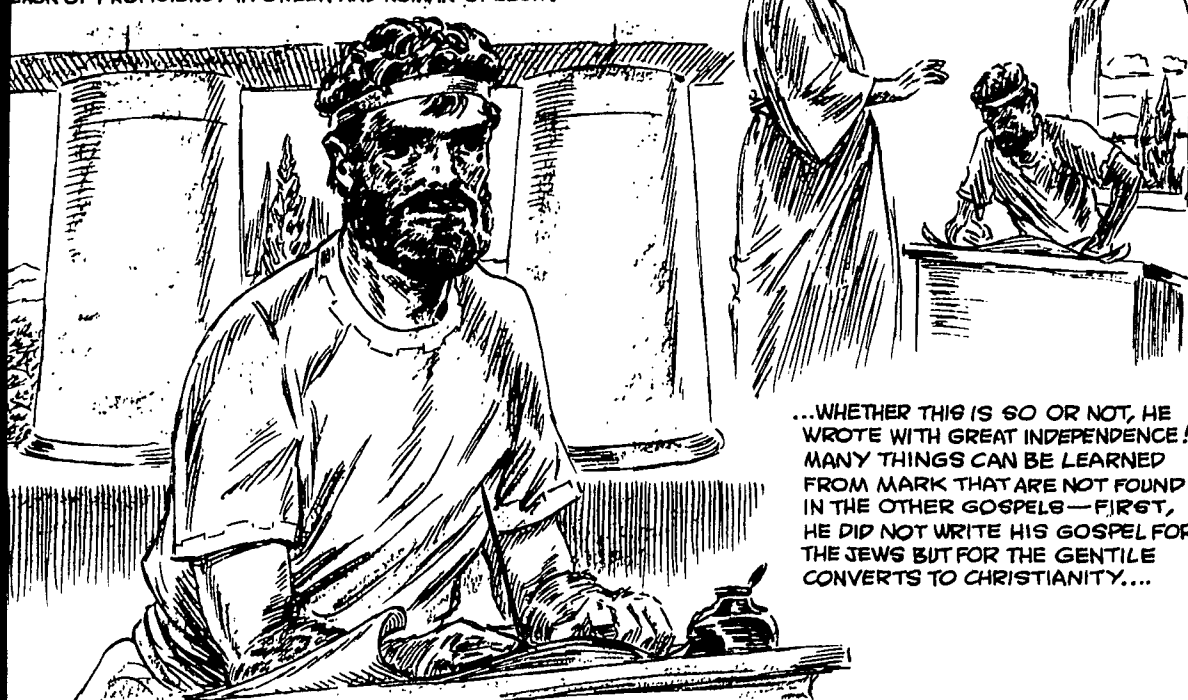
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MARK'S GOSPEL—OR IS IT?

ST. MARK, AUTHOR OF THE SECOND GOSPEL, BELONGED TO A
GRECIAN FAMILY FROM CYPRUS, COUSIN OF THE EVANGELIST BARNABAS.
HIS SURNAME WAS MARK—GIVEN NAME, JOHN. HIS MOTHER, MARY, WAS A
WOMAN OF WEALTH, IN WHOSE HOME IN JERUSALEM, MARK MET ST. PETER
WHO WAS A CONSTANT VISITOR. MARK ACCOMPANIED HIS COUSIN BARNABAS
AND ST. PAUL ON MISSIONARY TRIPS AS AN ASSISTANT. AFTER THEIR
DEATHS, HE ATTACHED HIMSELF TO PETER, FOR WHOM HE WORKED AS
A LETTER WRITER AND INTERPRETER DUE TO GALILEAN-BORN PETER'S
LACK OF PROFICIENCY IN GREEK AND ROMAN SPEECH.BECAUSE MARK WROTE HIS
GOSPEL WHILE AT ROME WITH
PETER, MANY AUTHORITIES FELT IT
WAS DONE WHOLLY UNDER PETER'S
GUIDANCE—THE ANCIENT CLEMENT
OF ALEXANDRIA THOUGHT SO,
AS DID PAPIAS, BUT......WHETHER THIS IS SO OR NOT, HE
WROTE WITH GREAT INDEPENDENCE!
MANY THINGS CAN BE LEARNED
FROM MARK THAT ARE NOT FOUND
IN THE OTHER GOSPELS—FIRST,
HE DID NOT WRITE HIS GOSPEL FOR
THE JEWS BUT FOR THE GENTILE
CONVERTS TO CHRISTIANITY...THIS IS EVIDENT IN HIS MANNER OF TAKING TIME TO EXPLAIN CERTAIN THINGS
WHICH NEEDED NO EXPLAINING TO JEWS—SUCH AS THE FACT THE "JORDAN IS A RIVER," THE
PHARISEES "USED TO FAST," THE MOUNT OF OLIVES IS "OVER AGAINST THE TEMPLE," AT PASSOVER
MEN "EAT UNLEAVENED BREAD"—MARK ALSO TOOK THE TROUBLE TO POINT OUT THAT MATTHEW WAS "LEVI, SON
OF ALPHEUS, PETER WAS A NAME GIVEN TO SIMON BY JESUS, THAT JESUS WAS A "CARPENTER." ALL THESE
THINGS WERE COMMON KNOWLEDGE TO JEWS OF THAT DAY BUT NOT TO GENTILES. WHENEVER MARK USED ARAMAIC
WORDS, HE STOPPED TO TRANSLATE THEM FOR THE GENTILE READER. IN ALL, MARK TOOK GREAT CARE TO SHOW
THE HUMAN SIDE OF JESUS—HE COULD BE TIRED (IV:18), VERY ANGRY (III:15), HE COULD SIGH (VII:34, VIII:12), AND BE
"GREATLY AMAZED" AND "SORE TROUBLED" (IX:37). ABOVE ALL, MARK PRESENTED JESUS AS THE MAN ON
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taking my life. It doesn't get any worse than this. Why me? I have not hurt anyone. On the contrary, I have always helped my family members in any way I could."

In fact, at times I was the sole support of some of them. Yet, at no time in my situations of need did anyone lift a finger to help me."

By this time, I was ready to come up for air, since my friend did not seem disposed to do so by slowing the rate of releasing and dumping pent-up emotions and hurt. Slowly, cautiously, realizing that I was walking on eggshells, I began to respond.

"I knew you were really wound tight enough to pop when you came to see me, but I had no idea that you were on the brink of destruction. I can only try to imagine the depth and the extent of your hurt from family neglect, your gnawing feeling of aloneness, your emotional pain and near despair."

As a bit of relief and relaxation came into the erstwhile distraught voice, my friend began to tone down and speak more normally, much to my relief.

This caller, as most callers in similar circumstances, had found all that was sought: a dumpster with willing ears, a friendly voice, a warm spirit.

I suspect that all of you have experienced similar calls and face-to-face encounters in your life. Yet, no matter how often such episodes enter into our personal space of thinking, talking and doing, they still come as a mild surprise, indicating we are never ready for someone contemplating suicide.

After all, moving toward self-destruction is the ultimate gesture of despair, of bitter admission of abject defeat, of sadness beyond all thought of sadness, and of anguish and hurt past all imagination.

Most hurting of all is the implicit or explicit conclusion that not even God cares or can help.

An incident such as that late-night call serves notice on each of us that, at any given moment and often under the most unforeseen conditions, any of us may be called upon to be God's special messengers to the afflicted, the neglected, the abused, the

lonely, the despairing.

As God's special messengers, we had better bear in mind that there may not be any other messengers after us for a particular person who calls us or beckons to us to hear a tale of woe.

In a nutshell, that means you are the last port of call if someone taps you as the final contact between life and death.

This is both an honor of high privilege and a formidable burden placed upon anyone selected to be that special messenger. It is a great honor to see that someone thinks so highly of you as to trust you and reach out to you for help in navigating life's most critical and dangerous waters.

It is an incredibly weighty burden which demands all the available sensitivity, openness, compassion, knowledge, wisdom and tact which can be found within our person, our personality, our character and spirituality.

"Bear one another's burdens, and so you will fulfill the law of Christ" (Galatians 6:2).

One extremely important question is, "Do you sometimes see yourself as the last port of call for someone who is reaching out to you in one last act of desperation and hope?"

If you never see yourself in that capacity, you will not be the human answer to the distraught person.

And don't sell yourself short by telling yourself and others: "I am not a professional therapist, and therefore there is very little, if any, good I can do to help desperate, despairing people."

While professional therapists have their place in life, the untrained person selected and clung to by a desperate individual will do the most good for the depressed person because of the rapport, trust and bond between them.

Time after time, afflicted, desperate people have told me they had never confided to their therapists the most intimate things they had confided to me.

Other counselors at every level have told me that they have experienced the same thing many times in their work as therapists.

Which puts our everyday John Doe and Jane Brown, though untrained, on the hot seat as ad hoc counselors/therapists in many of the most sensitive and dangerous situations in life. Don't duck!

You and I and, at one time or another, every human being with a modicum of sense must get involved.

At any given moment, you may be the last port of call, the last link with life for a sister or brother in a desperate quest for hope, love, salvation.

The "Word" for the Week
Creatures of habit

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You don't have any bad habits, do you? I do. Just ask my family. They'll be glad to give you a list.

At any rate, can those bad habits be changed? Is it possible to make a dent in those really bad ingrained habits and actually form new good habits?

The simple answer is "Yes." But doing it is not so simple. And so we need to realize there is a principle at work here. We are creatures of habit and habits are formed by doing something over and over again.

When I get into my car, unless I consciously think about it, I always turn the same way out of our driveway. And because I am a creature of habit, I head for the office, even if I am going someplace else.

Sexual sins are like this. But they are not only habit forming, they are addictive. And you have to have special strength to get out of those sins and start on a new path.

But this is what Christianity is all about. Christians have been

"created in Christ Jesus for good works which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them" (Ephesians 2: 10).

Christians are new creatures. This means two things. First, the power of former sins has actually been broken. "Sin shall not be master over you" (Romans 6:14).

Second, God gives the gift of His Holy Spirit which is power to form new habits. As a result, the Bible says, "Just as you present your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness, resulting in further lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, resulting in sanctification" (Romans 6:19).

But only Christians have had the power of reigning sin over their lives broke. Only Christians have the grace of God to form new habits.

To hear more on the same topic, call toll free for the "mini-message of the week," 1-800-777-0389 or visit www.w-e-m.org.

Scripture Says . . .

By Ed Young

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Why is America under attack? Why are so many millions of people in Africa murdered and starving to death? Why are so many thousands of Afghans being killed and made homeless? Why does such cruelty have its way in so many nations throughout the world?

The reason is clear in the Scriptures. "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." (Ephesians 6:12)

Since time began there has been spiritual wickedness with a mind-set to destroy mankind. The powers of darkness use and work through men with hate and perverted thinking.

These men are controlled by demons who are instructed by Satan to do harm in any way to God's creation.

"Jesus was manifested to destroy the works of the devil." (I John 3:18) Jesus broke the hold Satan had on mankind - on Calvary's Cross.

Then why do we still have all the devilish trouble in the world today? Because we are in a war against the powers of darkness.

There are millions of angels standing at the ready to be given the orders to fight for mankind. How is that done? Through prayer. Pray for the leaders of the free world and the men who fight for justice. Prayer changes things.

If you want a wonderful ministry, be a person of prayer. God bless America again!

St. Ann-St. John Church News

Father John Kelly, pastor, 228-467-4746

Mass Schedule:

St. Ann Catholic Church, Lower Bay Road, Saturday Vigil Mass, 5 p.m.
Sunday masses: St. John Catholic Church, Lakeshore Road, mass at 8 a.m.; St. Ann, 10:30 a.m.

Weekday masses (St. Ann): Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 8:30 a.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Visitors are welcome.

Oct. 7: CCD classes begin, grades K-5, 3-4 p.m.; grades 6-12, 5:30-7 p.m.

Confirmation will be celebrated in the spring of 2004.

To join the RCIA classes, contact Tom or Terry Canale at 466-4035.

Oct. 7: CYO, 6:15-7 p.m.

During Fr. Kelly's vacation, Father Jack Rietti will be in charge. He can be reached at his residence, 467-2616.

Fr. Kelly returns home Oct. 10.

St. Clare Catholic Church News

St. Clare Parish in Waveland is continuing a process of prayer, study and discussion to bring new members into the Catholic Church.

Noel Phillips, director of religious education for the parish, said lay members of St. Clare will be reaching out to:

1. unbaptized adults and baptized Christians from other faiths who want to learn more

about the Catholic faith and possibly become Catholic.

2. Catholics who may have been baptized but have not received the other sacraments required of Catholics.

St. Clare will be joining other Catholic parishes worldwide which have, or will have, an active and ongoing program known as the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (R.C.I.A.).

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Stennis recognizes employees with 2002 NASA Honor Awards

Stennis Space Center presented its prestigious NASA Honor Awards on Sept. 12 at ceremonies in the StennisSphere auditorium. NASA Honor Awards are the highest recognition the Agency bestows on employees, contractors and members of the community.

NASA's Honor Awards are presented to carefully selected individuals and groups, both government and non-government, who make outstanding contributions to the NASA mission.

"For more than 41 years, NASA has been advancing U.S. leadership in aeronautics and space activities," said Stennis Space Center Director Bill Parsons. "Through individual and team efforts, Stennis Space Center continues to play a prominent role in accomplishing NASA's bold mission objectives. The contributions, dedication and commitment of the 2002 Honor Award recipients enhance Stennis' image as a vital link in America's space program."

NASA's General Counsel Paul Pastorek was the keynote speaker. He presented awards and praised the recipients for their contributions to NASA's mission. As NASA general counsel, Pastorek is a principal advisor to NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe.

"Stennis is an extraordinary place," said Pastorek. "This is an incredible organization with outstanding leadership and exceptional team members."

Awards, recipients' organization and residence, include:

NASA's Exceptional Service Medal
NASA's Susan Dupuis of Slidell, La.

NASA's Richard King of Metairie, La.

NASA's Fred Patterson of Saucier

NASA's Exceptional Achievement Medal
NASA's Dr. Richard Gilbrech of Slidell, La.

NASA Public Service Medals

Rod Hartung of Pascagoula, business and community leader

Robert Rogers of Burbank, Calif., founder and chairman of BRC Imagination Arts Inc.

NASA Group Achievement Award - The Environmental Geographical Information System (EGIS) Project Team

NASA's Odean Serrano of NASA Headquarters, Washington D.C.

NASA's Ron Magee of Bay St. Louis

NASA's Hugh Carr of Picayune

NASA's Bruce Davis of Long Beach

Lockheed Martin Space Operations, (LMSO)

Stennis Programs' Christina O'Connor of Waveland

LMSO's James Smoot of Slidell, La.

Tyrus Cohan of Long Beach, formerly of LMSO

Janette Lovely of Frankfort, Ky., formerly of LMSO

NASA Group Achievement Award - The Automated Work Order Development and Implementation Team

NASA's James Bobinger of Gulfport

NASA's Mark Carley of Picayune

NASA's Bobby Jefferies,



STENNIS SPACE CENTER PRESENTS NASA'S GROUP ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
During Stennis Space Center's prestigious NASA Honor Awards on Sept. 12, the Stennis Desktop Inventory Verification Team won a Public Service Group Achievement Award for the implementation of the NASA Outsourcing Desktop Initiative. Team members, seated from left, include Cimmaron's Michele Mossbrooks of Bay St. Louis; Willie Eubank of Picayune; and Rebecca McGehee of Bogalusa, La.; Lockheed Martin Space Operations (LMSO), Stennis Programs' Betty Baxter of Pearlington; and Cimmaron's Penny Foret of Bay St. Louis. Standing from left, LMSO's Deborah Bourgeois of Slidell, La.; LMSO's Michelle Lunsford of Long Beach, LMSO's Chris Callac of Slidell, and LMSO's Rachel Raines of Gulfport.

Dana Matherly and Susan Dupuis, all of Slidell, La.

NASA's Debra Rushing of Bay St. Louis

NASA's Timothy Pierce and David Walters, both of Long Beach

NASA's Mary Whitehead of Diamondhead

LMSO's Cherie Beech of Picayune

LMSO's Timothy Parker of McNeil

LMSO's Charles Broussard of Gulfport

LMSO's Charles Hallal of Pearl River, La.

LMSO's Philis Hurd of Pass Christian

LMSO's Helene Jones of Carriere

LMSO's Timothy Jones of Bay St. Louis

LMSO's Phil Meridier of Chalmette, La.

LMSO's Rachel Raines of Gulfport

Elaine Mayo of Diamondhead, formerly of LMSO

Mississippi Space Services' (MSS) Michael Gaudin of Bay St. Louis

NASA Group Achievement Award - The Project Lift Team

NASA's Richard Harris of Picayune

NASA's Glen Liebig of Carriere

Boeing Rocketdyne Propulsion and Power's Carl Guichard Jr. of Mandeville, La.

MSS' William Lipscomb of Slidell, La.

LMSO's Roberto Van Peski of Bay St. Louis

NASA's Public Service Group Achievement Award - The Stennis Desktop Inventory Verification Team

Cimmaron's Rebecca McGehee of Bogalusa, La.

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LMSO's Rachel Raines of Gulfport

The late Rufus Outley of Hattiesburg, formerly of LMSO

Richard Soldin and James Williams, both of Bay St. Louis and both formerly

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NASA Space Flight Awareness Leadership Award

NASA's Terry Jackson of Gulfport

The J. Harry Guin Outstanding Leadership Award

NASA's Dr. David Powe of Gulfport

The Professional Achievement Peer Recognition Award

NASA's Vicki Zanoni of Long Beach

The Diversity Enhancement Peer Recognition Award - The Federal Women's Program's Advisory Council

NASA's Rhonda Foley and Dawn Davis, both of New Orleans

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The Rex Kelly Professional Achievement Award and the Practitioner of the Year Award from the Public Relations Association of Mississippi (PRAM)

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NASA's James Cluff, Terry Jackson and Mike Smiles, all of Gulfport

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Special Recognition NASA Group Achievement Award - The NASA Mail Management Team

NASA's Vincent Andres of Long Beach

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NASA Lengths of Service Awards

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ANTIQUE 1976 OLDS CUTLASS, 73,000 miles runs good. Looks good. \$1,400. 467-9844.

CREDIT NO PROBLEM, Jimmy Stockstill Motors, Picayune, special finance division: 2000 Olds, Alero, black, 18K miles, factory warranty, \$209 a month. 1-800-798-9133.

JIMMY STOCKSTILL MOTORS, Picayune, special finance division, can help with almost all credit problems: 99 Ford Ranger, X-cab, V-6, low miles, \$204. a month. 1-800-798-9133.

136 Automobiles

JIMMY STOCKSTILL MOTORS, Picayune, has purchased 1 million dollars of factory and lease cars prior to the floods, all our vehicles are high and dry, and priced low. 99 Yukon, leather, 41K miles. \$17995/\$349 a month. Shop us first or last 1-800-798-9133

138 Trucks, Vans

1988 CHEVY 4-DOOR 1 TON STEEL bed with 5th wheel goose neck draw bar. For more info call 255-0493 or 467-4266.

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143 Real Estate Services

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145 Roommates Wanted

ROOMMATE WANTED FOR 2BR/1BA. 3-blocks from beach. \$200/month plus 1/2 utilities. 463-9382 in Clermont Harbor.

146 Rooms For Rent

A/C ROOM, PHONE, EXTRAS, \$275/mo. \$250 for year lease. Quick rental. Carroll House, BSL. 228-467-6713.

ROOM FOR RENT. INCLUDES all utilities. Free use of house pool, tennis court. Jordan River Shores. \$350/month. 228-255-0955, cell 216-5137.

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147 Apartments For Rent

1 BEDROOM COMPLETELY FURNISHED, utilities and cable. 467-8245.

1 BEDROOM NEAR OLD TOWN BSL. Central air/heat, \$375/month plus deposit. 467-0792.

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2BD/1BA DUPLEX FOR RENT. Waveland Ave Closed in garage, kitchen. \$500/mo & \$350/dep. 467-9587

149 Mobile Homes For Rent

3BR/1.5BA TRAILER FOR RENT in Kiln, Pet/lease. 255-9397.

MOBILE HOME FOR RENT: KILN area. 3br/2ba, \$490/month, \$200/deposit. Call 985-781-6165.

PERFECT LOCATION, 2BR/1BA, Mobile home. Newly remodeled, near schools, casino & restaurants. Has w/d hookup, deck & paved driveway. Pet/smoke free. \$425/month. \$400/deposit. Call 466-1400 after 5:00pm.

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LIKE NEW 3 BR, 2 BA FROM \$750 per month. Century 21 of Diamondhead. 255-3550.

NEW 4BR/2BA. LIVING ROOM plus great room, on 1 acre, in Kiln \$850/month. 601-749-0014

PASS CHRISTIAN 3/BR QUIET ST. fenced yard. Pets OK. 466-9134

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WATERFRONT COTTAGE, QUIET location. 2BR/1BA. Cent AC/Heat, dock. Pet/lease, smoke/free. \$375/month, \$375/deposit. Sailfish Realty 466-9947.

150 Unfurn. Houses Rent

1 BR. W/WALK-IN CLOSET, W/D, porch, off street parking. \$300.00 + water \$10.00, \$200.00 deposit. Ready. 467-3496.

156 Lots/Acreage

DIAMONDHEAD LOTS FOR SALE. 737 Ahl St. & 9934 Anahula. Owner Financing available. 255-7728 or 880-4740.

LAND FOR SALE, 5 ACRES, \$10,000 per acre, negotiable. Can be divided. Hill Brooke Lane, Pass Christian. Call 467-4266 or 255-0493. Leave message.

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406 ST JOHN. 2 BEDROOMS. 1 Bath. Large living, large kitchen, gas stove, ref., dishwasher, central air & heat. Outside storage with washer/dryer hookup. Fenced yard. Available immediately \$500/mo., \$400/deposit. 467-8377.

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COTTAGE FOR RENT CLERMONT Harbor. Near beach. 1-2BD/1BA. Cent. AC/Heat. Frig., pet/lease. \$400/month plus deposit. (504) 279-5671.

FOR RENT: 4 BDR. HOME close to beach. \$1,200. mo.; (2) 1 bdr. apartments, \$450. each per mo.; 3 bdr. home, \$700. mo.; Call Chari at Century 21 McIntyre Rapp. 467-3777.

FOR RENT: WATERFRONT HOME close to Jordan River. 2 bedrooms and 2 baths, over 1200 sq. ft., plus separate downstairs bath w/shower. Double lot, fenced yard, \$800. per month, deposit required. Call 228-216-8456, owner/agent.

IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY available on this all brick, 2 bedroom, 2 bath room home with screened in porch situated on private wooded lot in Diamondhead. For a rental application, call Bruce at 1-800-398-0454.

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1100 SQ FT OFFICE SUITE AVAILABLE for rent in Diamondhead. Perfect for professional. Adjacent to Dental office. 255-6657.

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2BEDROOM, 1100 SQ FT. 208 Charter, Cedar Point, B.S.L. 1/2 block from water, new central h/a. Totally remodeled, \$72,500.00. 493-4751, 586-5897.

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4BR HOUSE, 2,443 SQ FT. 118 Grass St. Idlewood Subdivision, Waveland. \$137,500 467-3601, or 255-5326, 341-3601.

4BR/3BA, ACADIAN STYLE. Lake-wood Subdivision. 467-8497.

BY OWNER 3BR/2BA HOME. Quiet neighborhood, Kiln. Carport & porch. 2,000 sq ft. Central A/H. Vinyl siding. \$74,900. (601)749-0901, 255-5138.

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Public Notices

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
AMERICAN PUBLIC FINANCE, INC. PLAINTIFF
VERSUS
NICHOLAS M. HAAS, ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF EDWIN CARVER, DEFENDANT
HANCOK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI: CONO A. CARANNA, DISTRICT ATTORNEY; STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, AND ANY AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING ANY INTEREST IN AND TO THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY: DEFENDANT Part of the GUIDON TOULME CLAIM, Section 46, Township 8 South, Range 14 West, Parcel Number Four (4) Hancock County, Mississippi, being more particularly described as follows: to-wit: Beginning at the Southwest corner of land formerly belonging to Ed. Carver, which point is on the Northern line of Washington Avenue Public Road and is distant on a course North 66 and 1/2 degrees West 997.25 feet, more or less, from the point where the section line between Section 26 and Section 27 intersects the said Northern line of said Washington Avenue Public Road; running thence North 22 and 1/4 degrees East 254 feet to the aforesaid Northern line of Washington Avenue Public Road, thence South 66 and 1/2 degrees East 125 feet to the place of beginning. Parcel #138A-0-46-325-00.

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
CAUSE NO. 2002-693
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
TO ANY AND ALL PERSONS CLAIMING TO BE HEIRS AT LAW OF EDWIN CARVER AND ANY AND ALL OTHER PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY INTEREST IN AND TO THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY:
You have been made a defendant in the action filed in this Court by David A. Wheeler, Attorney for Plaintiff, who seeks a judicial confirmation of a tax sale. Defendants other than you in this action are: Nicholas M. Haas, Administrator of the Estate of Edwin Carver; Hancock County, Mississippi, Cono A. Caranna, District Attorney; and State of Mississippi.
You to the Plaintiff filed against you in this action to David A. Wheeler, Attorney for Plaintiff, whose post office address is P.O. Box 264, Biloxi, MS 39533.
YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE 22ND DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2002, WHICH IS THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT SO MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER RELIEF DEMAND IN THE COMPLAINT.
You must also file the original of your Response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time after filing.
Issued under my hand and seal of said Court, the 16TH day of September, 2002
(SEAL)

TIM KELLAR, CHANCERY COURT CLERK
HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
BY: Larnell Scarborough, D.C.
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JERLEEN TACONI STEFFEL
CATHERINE STEFFEL
BOURGEOIS
VS.
HEIRS AT LAW OF
JAMES JOHNSTON STEFFEL, II, DECEASED
ARTHELIA JANE STEFFEL OLIVIER,
DECEASED, KENNETH JOSEPH STEFFEL,
DECEASED
CAUSE NO. 2002-745

SUMMONS
TO THE (UNKNOWN) HEIRS AT LAW OF
JAMES JOHNSTON STEFFEL II DECEASED
ARTHELIA JANE STEFFEL OLIVIER
DECEASED AND KENNETH JOSEPH
STEFFEL DECEASED whose names post
office and street addresses are unknown after
diligent search and inquiry
Frank Kenneth Steffel 81 Oakland Avenue
Harahan, LA 70123
Robin Steffel Bryant 134 Glenwood Avenue
Harahan, LA 70123
Eugene Joseph Steffel 318 W Michigan Ave
nue, Pensacola FL 32505
Dawn Steffel Ray 80 Oakland Avenue Harahan
LA 70123
Jody James Steffel 2802 Tugie Drive Metairie
LA 70003
Maurice Olivier 647 Randolph Avenue Harahan
LA 70123
Michael Wayne Oliver 1204 Linwood Drive Met
airie LA 70001
Angela Jane Oliver Castellon 1148 Sena Drive
Metairie LA 70005
Sandra Delatte Waggoner 1041 Richtfield
Road, Thibodaux LA 70301
Jame Gerard Steffel 125 Blossom Court
Thibodaux, LA 70301
You have been made defendants in the lawsuit
filed in this Court by Myra Therese Steffel
Jerleen Taconi Steffel and Catherine Steffel
Bourgeois Petitioners seeking adjudication and
determination of the Heirs at Law of James
Johnston Steffel II deceased the Heirs at Law
of Arthelia Jane Steffel Olivier deceased and
the Heirs at Law of Kenneth Joseph Steffel
deceased
You are summoned to appear and defend
against the petition filed against you in this action
at 9:30 o'clock A. M. on the 8th day of November
2002, in the courtroom of the Hancock County
Annex at 306 Highway 90 Bay St. Louis Missis
sippi, and in case of your failure to appear and
defend a judgment will be entered against you for
the relief demanded in the petition.
You are not required to file an answer or other
pleading but you may do so if you desire
Issued under my hand and seal of said Court this
1 day of October 2002
(SEAL)

Timothy A. Keller
Clerk of Court
By Erica Candlish
Deputy Clerk
10/06 10/13 10/20/02

NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT OLD SPANISH
TRAIL, MINI STORAGE, 716 OLD SPANISH
TRAIL, WAVELAND, MS 39576, WILL SELL TO
THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH THE PER
SONAL PROPERTY OF SHIRLEY PIAZZA
WHOSE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS WAS 167
MARKET ST. WAVELAND THE SALE SHALL
TAKE PLACE AT 10:00 A.M. AT OLD SPANISH
TRAIL, MINI STORAGE, 716 OLD SPANISH
TRAIL, WAVELAND, MS 39576, ON THE 10TH
DAY OF OCT. 2002
09/29, 10/03, 10/06/02

**ADVERTISEMENT
AGRICULTURAL BID
SECTION 16-6-15**
Bids will be received until 4:00 p.m. Thursday,
November 7, 2002, in the Office of the Superin
tendent of Education for the leasing of the follow
ing 16th Section parcel for Agricultural purposes.
POB being the NW Corner of the E 1/2 of the NW
1/4, Section 16, Township 6 South, Range 15
West, Hancock County, Mississippi and run East
for 550 ft. more or less to the Western ROW of
the Kiln-Picayune Road, thence S 20° E, along
said ROW for 1090 ft., thence South for 750 ft.
thence S 82° 43' W for 1340.8 ft. more or less to
the line between the W 1/2 and E 1/2 of said NW
1/4, thence North for 1960 ft. more or less to the
POB, less 20 acres that is composed of two (2)
lakes. Said parcel containing 32.7 acres more or
less and being a part of the E 1/2 of the NW 1/4
Section 16, T6S, R15W, Hancock County, Mis
sissippi.
You are hereby notified that sealed bids to lease
the above described parcel for agricultural pur
poses will be for a term of five (5) years with a
minimum bid of \$12.50 per acre.
Specifications may be obtained in the Office of
the Superintendent, 17304 Highway 603, Kin,
Mississippi 39556 or by calling (228) 255-0376.
Please mark on the outside of the sealed envel
ope, AGRICULTURAL BID, SECTION 16-6-15.
The Board reserves the right to reject any and/or
all bids.
Mike Ladner, Superintendent
Hancock County School District
10/06, 10/13/02

**ADVERTISEMENT
HUNTING AND FISHING BID
SECTION 19-5-15**
Bids will be received until 4:00 p.m. Thursday,
November 7, 2002, in the Office of the Superin
tendent of Education for the lease of the following
16th Section parcel for Hunting and Fishing
purposes:
19-5-15 (160 Acres)
You are hereby notified that sealed bids to lease
the above described parcel for hunting and fish
ing purposes will be for a term of five (5) years
with a minimum bid of \$5.50 per acre.
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Lili -- Inside the hurricane

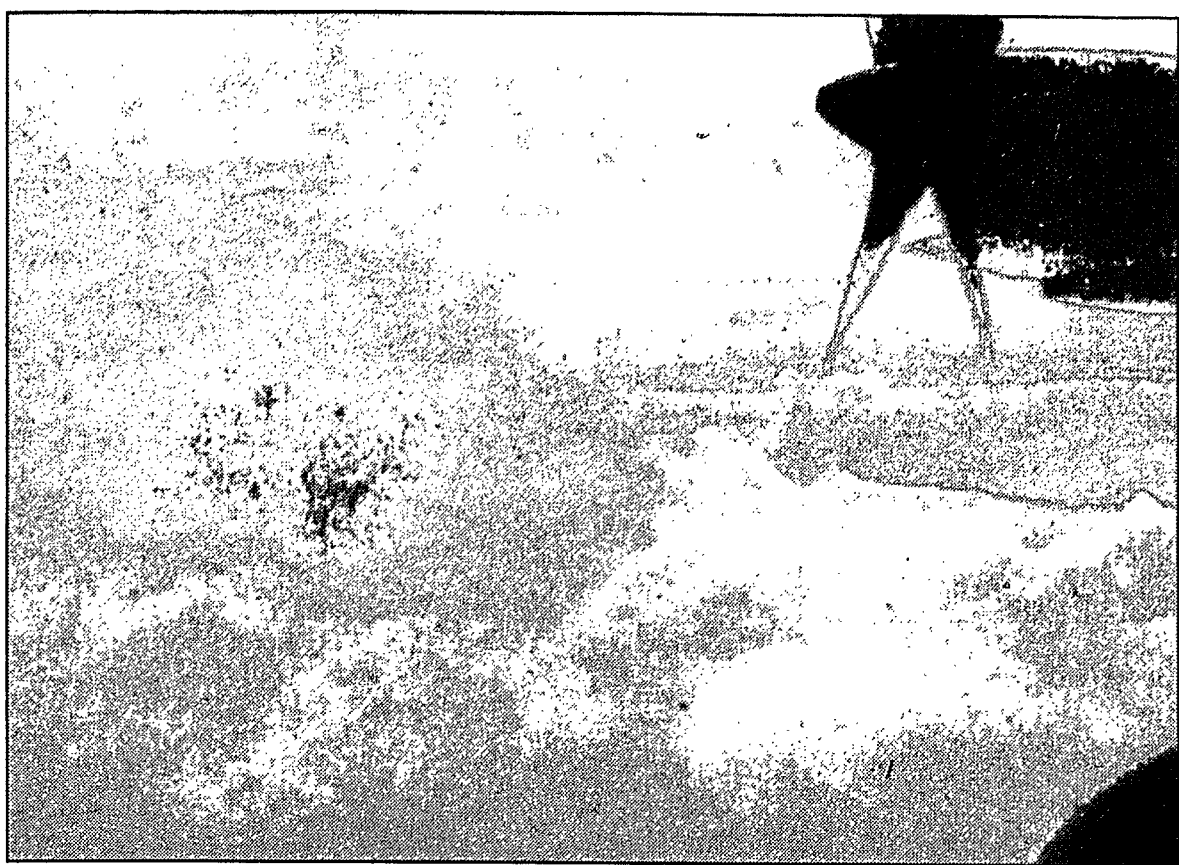
that it was a great plane and even preferred to the newer models. Luggage and golf clubs were strapped down on the rear cargo door. Bathroom accommodations vaguely resembled a port-a-potty.

We were scheduled to make four passes through Lili, that is, through the entire width and through the eye wall, roughly a ten hour mission. Before we landed in Homestead, we had made five passes through the storm and been flying close to 12 hours, sending three to five dropsondes into the storm at each pass. The storm grew from a category 2 to a category 4 during our flight, with Lili strengthening and deepening with every pass, gaining wind speed and dropping pressure.

The plane crisscrossed the storm, emerging and flying to the next entrance point with the direction of the winds.

The storm was sitting directly under the Mississippi Coast while we flew through it, though Sgt. Harrison said he thought the storm would make landfall around the LaFayette area. As it turned out, he was right. Gusts of up to 160 mph were recorded while we made our passes through the storm. I was getting scared, not of the flight, but for the people along the coast. The crew predicted that the storm would be a category 5 before it made landfall and it may have been had it not hit cool water just before landfall and diminished at the last minute.

It was a very eerie feeling being in the plane, in a dangerous and potentially devastating storm, watching it grow stronger and stronger, knowing that that storm was heading for your home. It felt very strange to know I was safe there, while the people back home were preparing

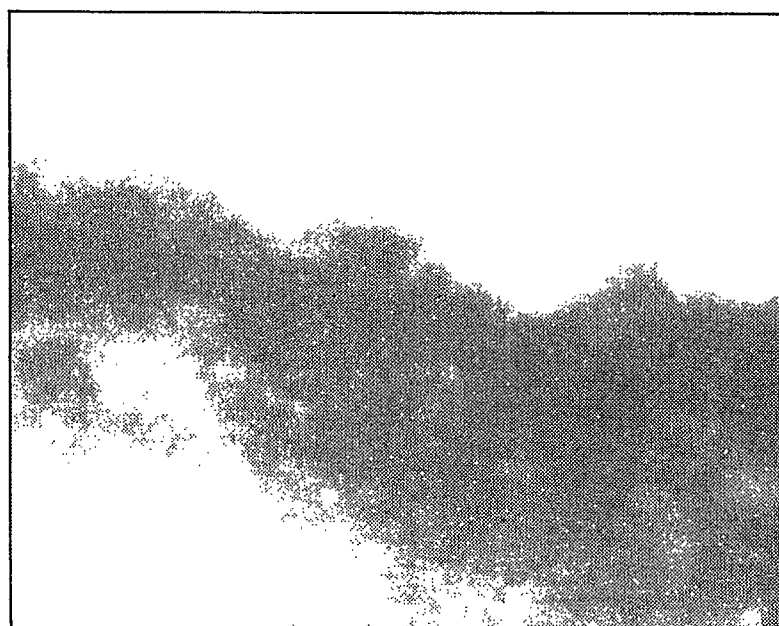


Lili whips by outside the plane, looking amazingly calm from the air, considering its winds were gusting at around 150 miles per hour.



Dropsonde Operator MSgt. Deano Harrison gets ready to make a drop into the storm. The dropsonde, which is parachuted down through the storm measures the wind speed, pressure and intensity. Information is then relayed to the National Hurricane Center.

to be blown away, a very helpless feeling.



A stormy sea from 10,000 feet during a break in the clouds of Hurricane Lili on Wednesday. The plane crisscrossed the storm five times.

The ride itself was not as all as I imagined, quite mild, with a few bumps here and there, but nothing terrifying, not really any bumpier than riding in our 150 Cessna, though much noisier. We had to wear earplugs. It was more like being enveloped in a sea of cotton balls, ranging in color from dark gray to bright white, with the gulf swirling below, in breaks in the clouds. By the third pass through the eye, I was totally relaxed about it all; by the fifth pass through the eye, I really, really wanted to be see land and get out of the plane.

Finally we were headed to Homestead. I hadn't slept in almost two days. We were all very, very tired. The concentration required by the crew was amazing. With information sent on to the National Hurricane Center, our mission was finished. I was stranded in Bocca Raton with my husband and dogs left to their own devices back home.

But I found them safe and hunkered down for the storm. So I did the only thing I could do, I enjoyed the Florida sun.

For more information on the Hurricane Hunters go to hurricanehunters.com.

Scott Aquarium's fall focuses on fright, fun

The Scott Aquarium in Biloxi will turn into the "scary aquarium" to celebrate the Halloween season from 6 p.m. Saturday to 7 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 26-27.

The Halloween event will highlight a full fall schedule at the aquarium, with events ranging from a holiday open house to a birding adventure.

But Halloween fun takes center stage. "We are hosting a

sleepover full of freaky family fun," said Scott Aquarium educator and coordinator of the Great Scott! membership program Jennifer Hale, adding that there will be "Screaming Scavenger Hunts" as guests search through the darkened aquarium looking for creatures of the deep.

"Our mad scientist will take you upstairs through a touch lab where you have to decide just what you are touching," Hale said. She and her Scott Aquarium colleagues have planned something for all ages and abilities, from batfish races to family pumpkin-decorating events. "Come dressed to impress, because the evening wraps up with an old-fashioned costume contest," Hale said. "Families may choose to participate in 'Sound Asleep' (bedding down at the aquarium) or just come for the evening's activities. Admission for the members-only event is a

potluck dish. Hale said nonmembers are welcomed to join the Great Scott. membership program in time for the event. Call (228) 374-5550 by Oct. 21 for reservations or membership information.

The fall schedule of events at the aquarium includes:

- Animals of the Abyss, 10 - 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 12. They may look like creatures from a Halloween fright fest, but they are actually animals of the abyss, the deep ocean. Guests will visit Scott Aquarium's own abyss and participate in activities that demonstrate how abyssal animals survive in an environment of extreme cold and pressure. Participants will also create their own creatures of the deep. Free with membership or paid admission.
- Beginning Birding, 10 - 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 2. Guests will flock to the

Scott Aquarium's J.L. "Jake" Scott Memorial Coastal Bird Exhibit for an introduction and practice on techniques for spotting and identifying feathered friends using binoculars and field guides.

The program will highlight bird species frequently seen on the coast. The session will be a helpful starting point for beginning birders who plan to attend the membership trip to Dauphin Island Nov. 16. Free with membership or paid admission.

* Day at Dauphin Island, 7:45 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 16. Great Scott! members will depart from Scott Aquarium to explore Dauphin Island, Alabama's only barrier island.

The morning will include birding in the Audubon Bird Sanctuary, with a walk through the woods to the beach, providing an opportunity to see both woodland and shore birds. The afternoon will feature

a tour of the Dauphin Island Sea Lab's Estuarium.

Cost: adults, \$10; children ages 5-18, \$6; and children under 5, \$3. Cost includes transportation, lunch and admission to the Estuarium. Number of participants is limited to 28; to make reservations or to join the membership program, call Jennifer Hale, 228-374-5550.

• Holiday Open House, 9 a.m.- 4 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 7. The Scott Aquarium's gift to the community includes free admission to a day of Christmas arts and crafts with a marine theme, face painting, hands-on introductions to live sea turtles, snakes and other coastal animals, refreshments and live musical entertainment.

Members are also invited to a private holiday luncheon at the aquarium. Call (228) 374-5550 to make reservations for the luncheon.

Technology Center has new enhanced web site

THE SEA COAST ECHO
The Gulf Coast Business Technology Center has recently enhanced its web site and Internet capabilities.

The upgraded site can be found at www.gcbtc.org. The BTC staff now has the ability to post information in real time on the web site, collect and answer information requests and alert the community to upcoming business seminars and events.

BTC staff member Rick Johnson worked with Digiscap to make the new site a reality.

"Our site has gone from

a static web site to one that is dynamic and scalable", said Johnson. "We have recently added a virtual tour with numerous 360 degree photos."

A new incubator tenant company, Hospitality 360, created this feature.

Content on the web site includes a guideline for preparing a business plan, a list of business regulations which are necessary for operating a business, a list of upcoming seminars, press releases that have distributed, and more information is added daily.

Bryon Clarke, sales

manager of Digiscap, utilized their Publication Tool to make the changes to the BTC's web site.

"Our application software is allowing customers like the GCBTC to better serve their clients," said Clarke. "Digiscap is empowering clients and allowing them to have control of their

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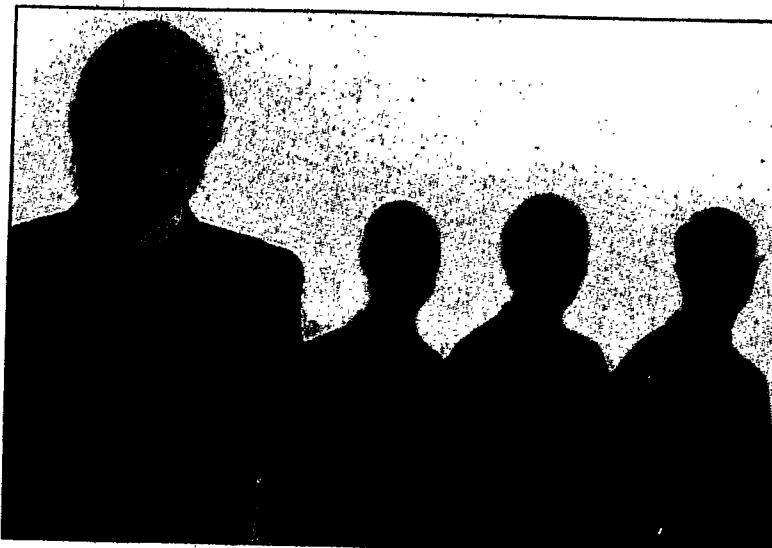
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*12/05/02: Sounds of the Holidays, 8 pm, \$15.00, Biloxi Grand Theatre (all proceeds benefit the American Heart Association).

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The Bay St. Louis Little Theatre will present "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" at the newly renamed John F. Holmes Playhouse on Boardman Avenue.

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The Bay St. Louis Little Theatre has rescheduled its production of "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" for Friday, Oct. 18, and Saturday Oct. 19, at 8 p.m.

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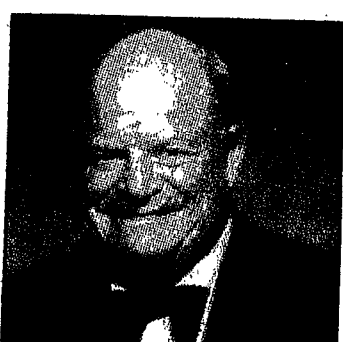
presented Oct. 20 at 2 p.m.

The rousing musical comedy highlights the work of legendary composer Stephen Sondheim, including the opening number "Comedy Tonight."

Performances will be held at the John F. Holmes

Playhouse at 301 Boardman Ave. Admission is \$12 for adults and \$7 for students. Tickets will be available at the door on the night of the show.

For more information, call 467-2587 or visit www.bsllt.com.



Don Rickles will perform at the Beau Rivage Theatre on Oct. 11 and 12. Tickets are \$21.95 plus tax. Beau Rivage Ticket Office: (888) 566-7469.

Kristian Booth to appear in Bay St. Louis concert Oct. 13

There will be a celebration of worship featuring national recording artist Kristian Booth. The concert will be held at First Methodist Church in Bay St. Louis Oct. 13 at 7 p.m.

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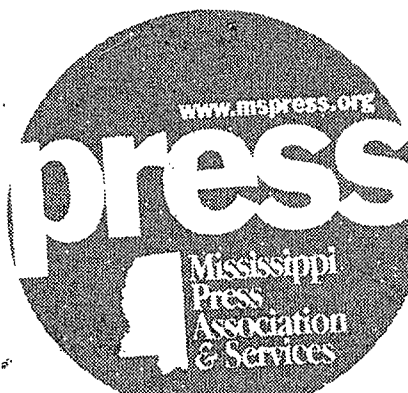
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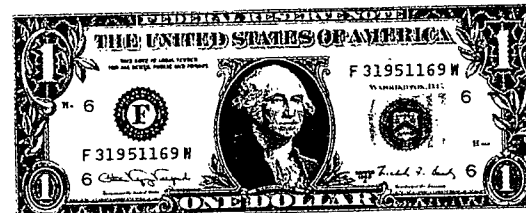
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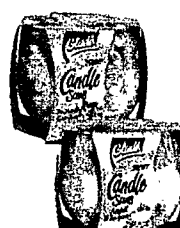
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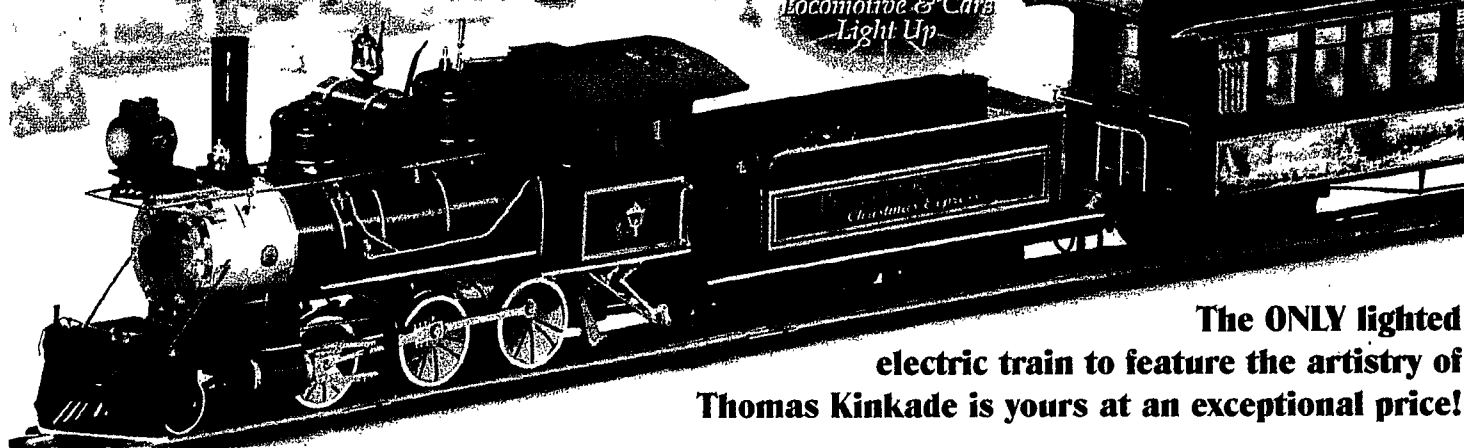
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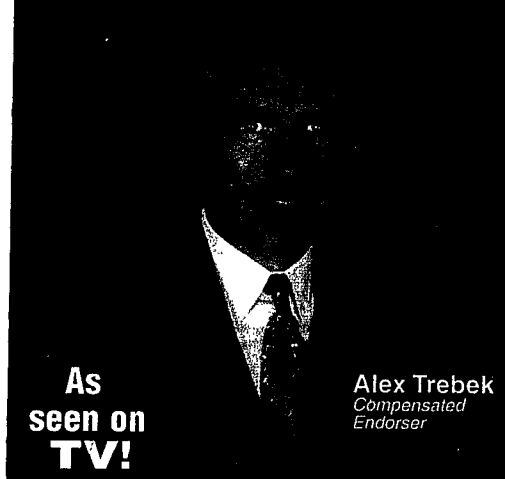
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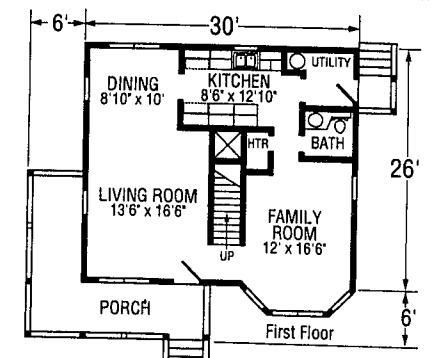
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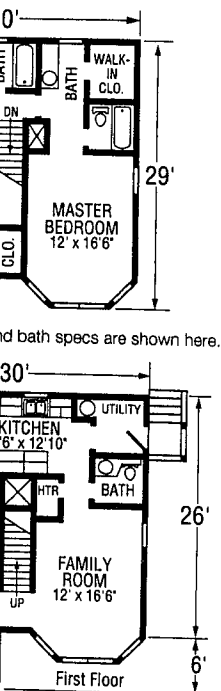


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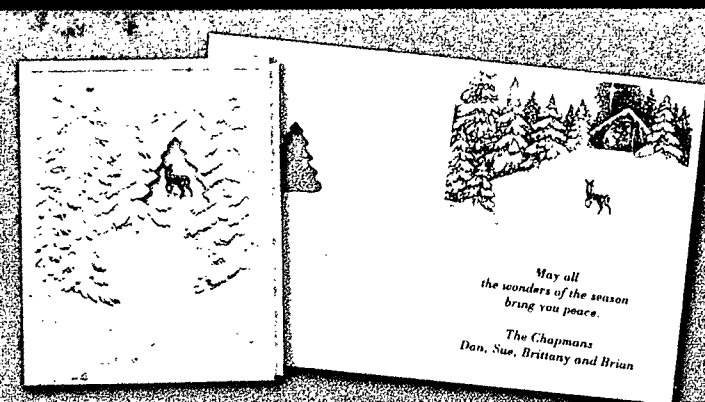
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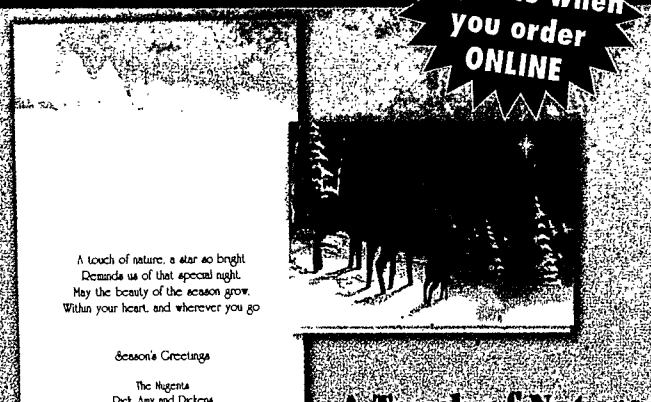
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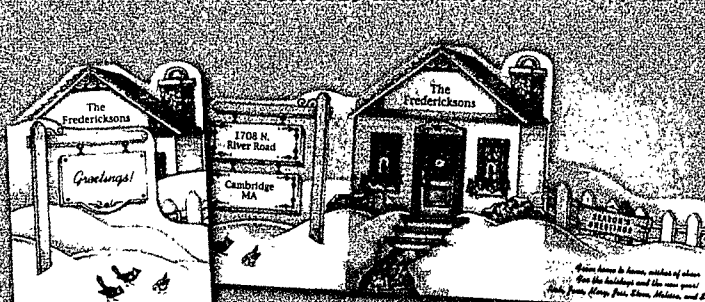
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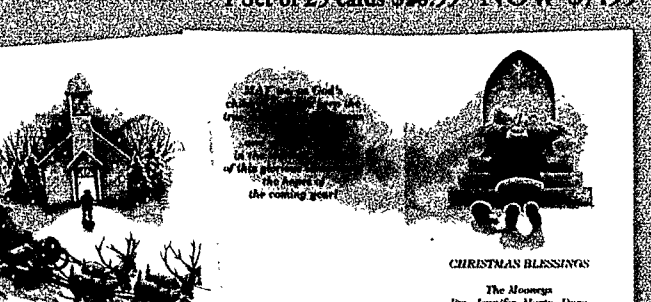
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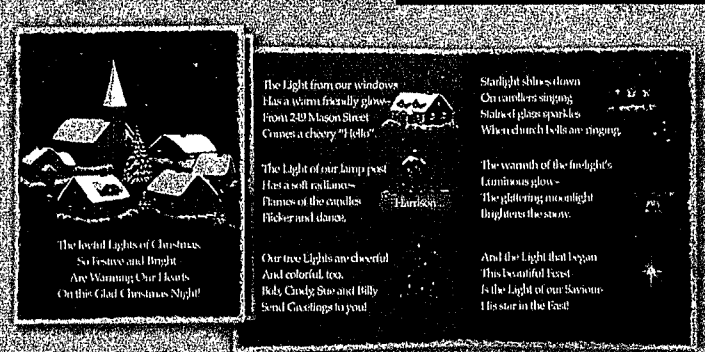


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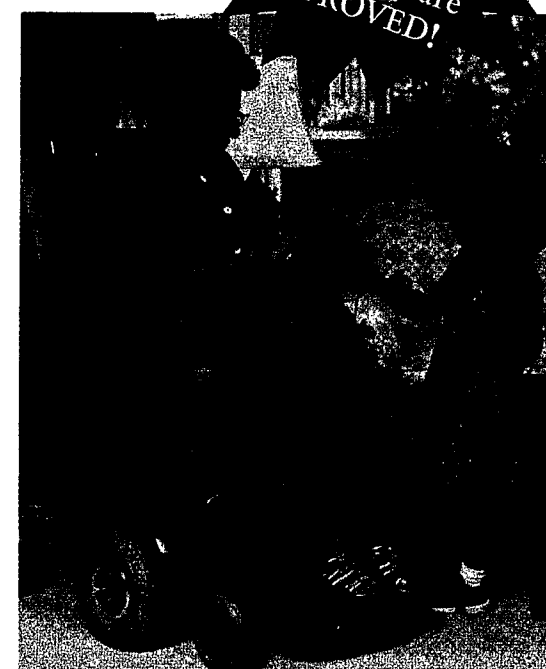
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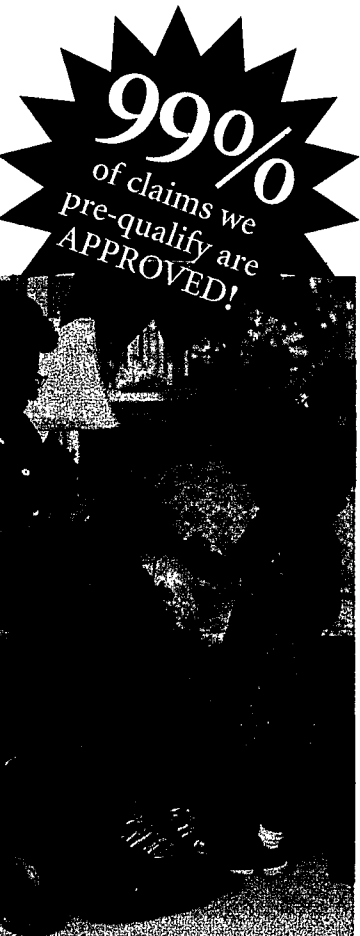
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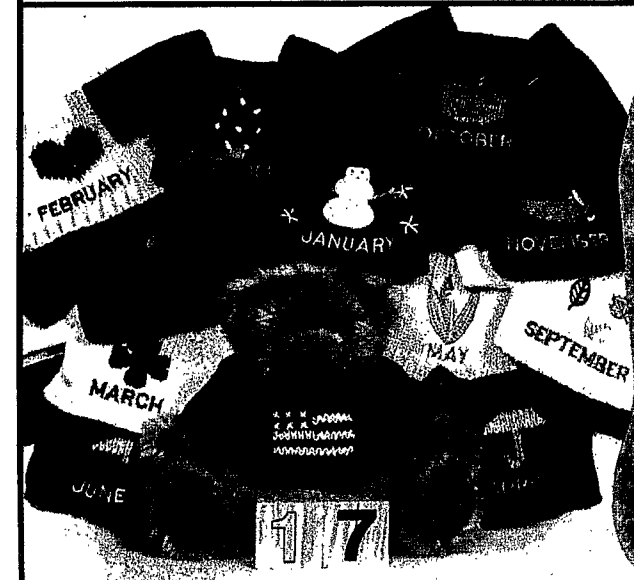
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